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ON A BEAUTIFUL spring morning the impressive church in Ludwigsburg in southern Germany was crowded to overflowing, for a miracle had happened. Their pastor, Julius Eichler, had returned after spending six years in a Russian prison camp. He had been taken prisoner while serving as an army chaplain.

Led by the deacons and other church dignitaries, he walked up the aisle. As he mounted the pulpit, the congregation rose and prayed in deep gratitude.

"Be not afraid!" he cried again and again to the hushed congregation. "For the Lord is with thee, even when locked in solitary confinement beyond the Ural Mountains in Russia."

Often he had prayed for his wife and children, he said, hoping for the day when he might be released to see them again. Yet he hardly believed it when word finally came that he and other prisoners were to join a large transport to Germany. He did not mind the discomfort and overcrowding in a freight car. He gave cheer and spiritual aid to his companions, many of whom were ill.

One morning the train stopped abruptly. There were commotion and noise outside. Pastor Eichler and three others were pulled off the train. Without explanation they were shipped back to the Ural Mountains.

HE KEPT ON PRAYING when locked in dreaded solitary confinement and requested to sign a confession that he was a spy named Eisner. He steadfastly refused to sign, telling his tormentors that his real name was Eichler and that he had been an army chaplain when captured. "Be not afraid!" he prayed.

Never did he give up hope. A few weeks later he was once more released, this time to return to Germany and his family and friends.

"The Lord is with thee wherever thou goest" he quoted from Joshua 1:9 to his attentive and grateful congregation.

—EMMA J. BAREISS

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THE CHURCH IN THE NEWS

Conventions again

Annual handshaking at church conventions reached its peak last week as tens of thousands of Baptists, Disciples, Presbyterians greeted one another in big auditoriums, hotel lobbies. The urge to make speeches and the weariness in listening to speeches increased as convention clocks ticked toward adjournment.

American Baptists (Northern) and Disciples met side by side in Chicago in a cautious maneuver toward readying these churches for a merger.

"The very fact that Baptists and the Disciples of Christ are meeting together in a series of joint convention sessions is in itself a testimony to the degree of understanding and appreciation which already exists among us," said Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden. Baptists aren't obliged to insist on immersion as the only true form of baptism, Dr. Pruden asserted. "Actually, this practice among us is not basic at all, but rather incidental to other convictions."

Southern Baptists stand alone

No visions of merging with anybody lured Southern Baptists, who have been extending their congregations into northern states in competition with the northern brethren. They are rapidly becoming America's largest Protestant denomination, it was reported. Membership is 7,373,498 in 28,289 congregations—not much short of the Methodist 9 million.

"Baptists are mainly from the lower-income groups and are of meager education," the Southern Baptists were told by Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette (president of the Northern Baptists). "We are not the only ones who preach the Gospel to the poor, but in general that has been and is our distinctive mission."

That means, said Dr. Latourette, tha "Baptists of the United States are in unique position . . . to give the Gospel t the restless throngs of the underpriv ileged."

No candidate for the U.S. presidenc who plans to appoint an ambassador t the Vatican should get a single Souther Baptist vote, the convention in Miam made plain. Baptists "cannot countenanc any candidate, even one of their ow number, who does not make it crysta clear that he opposes any and all mission to the Vatican," Dr. J. D. Gray told th convention. He is Southern Baptist pre ident.

Baptists astray

A quarter of the 7,373,498 Souther Baptists don't belong to congregations i the communities where they live, th church estimates. A "Transfer Churc Week" has been set for Sept. 14-21 whe a strenuous effort will be made by con gregations to persuade their non-reside members to join churches near their pre ent homes.

Baptists hope to get back into activ congregational life "a great army of un affiliated, unenlisted, non-resident churc members," they said.

Presbyterians gain members

Next to the Episcopalians, Presbyteria congregations are the most successf among American Protestants in attracti upper-income families. The result is high average in money contributed and low average in membership increase.

Since 1945 the Presbyterian Churc U.S.A. (Northern) has reversed th downward trend in membership. Aft

aining a net loss of 6,010 in a 10-year iod, it has gained 273,445 in the last years, said Dr. Harrison Ray Ander-. One new church has been estab-ed each week for six consecutive years, reported.

Total membership is about 2,500,000. The Presbyterian convention opened y 22 in New York City. One question which opinions differed was social se-ty for pastors. "It's a shame to go on ing theories when the church knows with the inflation of today it cannot care of elderly ministers properly," Dr. Lyman R. Hartley. "I don't want state paying ministers," replied Dr. ner G. MacMillan. "We mustn't get rch and state mixed up."

f 1,400 Presbyterian ministers receiv-pensions from the church, only 102 ive more than $1,200 annually.

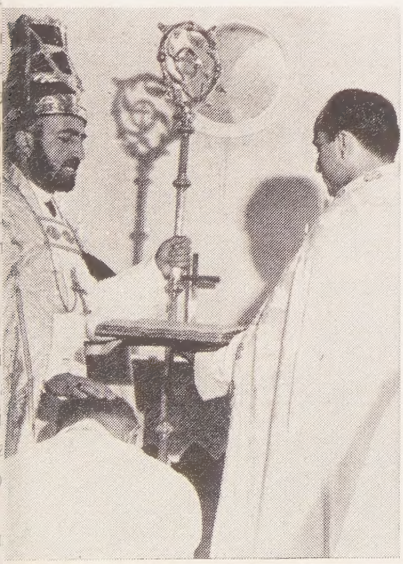
ern churches are Americanized

iving in a world far apart from Prot-ntism, but not unfriendly toward it, ancient Orthodox churches of the East are being influenced by their daughter congregations in the West. In early May the new archbishop of the Church of the East and of the Assyrians was consecrated in Turlock, California.

It was the first time the rite had been performed in America. Following the consecration the new Metropolitan of Malabar and India, Mansour Elisha Darmo, got aboard a plane for Bombay. Office of the church is now in Chicago.

Orthodox churchmen have been in U.S. courts frequently in recent months. A battle began in Fresno, California, when Holy Trinity congregation withdrew from the jurisdiction of the Armenian Gregorian Orthodox Church. Leader of the church, the Catholicos Georg VI, is under the control of Moscow, it was charged.

In Philadelphia Viorel D. Trifa was invested as bishop of the Romanian Orthodox Church of the United States and Canada in disregard of a court order postponing the ceremony. He was cited for criminal contempt of court. Each group involved charged that the other group is under Communist control.



ASTERN ORTHODOX CONSECRATION
The ceremony was in California

Benevolence giving improves

Last month there was concern in the ULC treasurer's office as receipts for apportioned benevolence for the first three months of 1952 showed an increase of only 2.3 per cent. This rate of giving would not enable the ULC to attain its 1952 goal of $5,203,000. Allotments to boards and agencies in April were cut. Only 82 per cent could be paid.

The May 20 statement from Treasurer Edmund F. Wagner showed a brighter picture, as Palm Sunday and Easter offerings were reflected in ULC income. Receipts for the month ending May 20 were $462,986. This was $93,655 higher than for the same month in 1951, a gain of 25

per cent. For the four months of the 1952 fiscal year, ULC apportionment receipts reached $1,145,775, a 10.51 per cent increase over last year.

Other items showed both sunshine and shadow. The shadow fell on Lutheran World Action receipts, only $315,500 thus far this year, a 33 per cent decrease from last year. CHEY continued to advance as May receipts of $106,600 sent the total from all sources to $6,272,286.

No religion in school

American unity would be endangered if any religion is taught in public schools, warned Dr. Hollis L. Caswell, dean of Teachers College, Columbia University, on May 21.

"Our people still differ tremendously on religion," he said. "It would be impossible, I believe, to teach religion without violating the conscience of some parents."

In Allentown, Pennsylvania, clergymen met with John S. Cartwright, superintendent of schools, to study the question of religious instruction in the classroom. "Moral and spiritual values" can be taught in public schools without violating the American tradition of separation of church and state, said Dr. William Clayton Bower in Lexington, Kentucky. Prayers should be read each day in Chicago schools, asserted Bernard L. Majewski of the board of education. "If more kids had learned more about religion 20 years ago there wouldn't be so much crime today," he said.

In New York State at least 71 of the 163 city and village school boards have endorsed a suggestion of the state board of regents that each day's school session shall begin with prayer.

Warning against religion in schools came from Dr. Nelson Glueck, Jewish educator. He said any co-operation

RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL
In New Brunswick, N. J., children hear Bible reading in classroom

rch and state would lead to persecu- of minority groups. Dr. Liston Pope Yale Divinity School suggested that rses in religion be made part of the ılar school program. Teachers should rained to conduct "non-sectarian and -evangelical classes," he said. Prot- nt, Catholic, and Jewish leaders ıld seek "common ground" for intro- ing religion into the schools.

re released time

dded to the list of cities granted re- ed time for religious instruction of lic school children last week were sfield, Mass., and Elkhart, Ind.

he school committee in Pittsfield ed unanimously that an hour every dnesday afternoon will be granted all pupils whose parents request it. Elkhart school board said it is ready make the time available if church ıps want it.

holics versus Conant

oman Catholics were shocked by the ident of Harvard University, Dr. es B. Conant, who spoke in April nst parochial schools. "Our schools ıld serve all creeds," Dr. Conant . "The greater the proportion of our h who attend independent schools, greater the threat to our democratic y."

r. Conant should "speak again" and r up misunderstanding of his state- t on parochial schools, proposed The t, official newspaper of the Boston ıan Catholic archdiocese.

he Harvard president is wrong, said attorney for the Denver archdiocese, ph A. Craven, at a Catholic conven- in Milwaukee. Roman Catholic paro- l schools "belong to the American ition that religious training is insepa- e from a good education."

ı a St. Louis radio broadcast the Rev. Patrick J. Holloran said Roman Catholic children attend parochial schools because "we do not want our children forced into the devastating flood of the paganism of today . . . We do not want to see them exposed to all the dangers of crude materialism, insidious agnosticism, soul-destroying atheism, and sordid amorality . . . And we do not like to have you (Dr. Conant) call us a threat to the democratic unity of America because of this regard we have for them, for God, and our native land."

Elections

Elected to boards of the United Lutheran Church by the ULC Executive Board at its meeting last month were: Dr. Corson C. Snyder (Bethlehem, Pa.) to the Board of American Missions, succeeding Dr. Paul J. Hoh . . . Mr. H. Ober Hess (Norristown, Pa.) to the Board of Deaconess Work, succeeding Dr. Henry G. Deininger.

Pastor Harold R. Albert of First Church, Columbus, Ohio, was named as chaplain for the ULC convention in Seattle in October.

Building churches

There are no more gymnasiums or bowling alleys in churches being constructed today, reported Dr. William H. Leach at the International Churchman's Exposition in Chicago in May. New buildings provide Sunday school chapels and rooms with audio-visual equipment.

Parking space for a fourth as many cars as the congregation has members is essential for the modern church, said Albert H. Heine, Chicago architect. If money is limited, build a smaller church but buy more land, he advised. There may be need for room to expand.

There should be women on building committees, Mr. Heine said. They can steer men away from mistakes in design.

Churches can operate radio stations

A few churches have U.S. licenses to operate radio stations. Since churches use the stations to win converts, there had been some doubt lately about whether they have a right to be assigned a broadcast wavelength. Last month the Federal Communications Commission ruled there is no constitutional objection.

Mormons in Independence, Missouri, were denied a license. The Kansas City Baptist Temple was turned down too. But in each case there was a special reason, the FCC explained. There is no general reason which would apply to all church groups.

Even though government licenses could be secured, church groups face the problem of financing radio broadcasts. Southern Baptists, who had an elaborate plan for a network of FM stations, went off the air with their key station, KYBS in Dallas, Texas, last December. They were losing $25,000 to $30,000 a year.

Communists threaten in India

Since Christian missionaries have been expelled from China, the question has been: can it happen in India? Communist propaganda is steadily increasing in Madras Province (where the United Lutheran mission is located), the Roman Catholic news agency *Fides* reported last month. In this area where poverty is extreme and famine frequent, Communists claim they can bring prosperity.

To get ready for trouble, missions should work on a five-year plan for turning over the full church leadership to natives, advised Bishop Hollis of the Church of South India. Then the work can continue even if money and personnel from other countries are cut off.

Fast-moving strategy to prepare the church for an emergency was defined this spring by the National Council of Churches in the U.S. Changes in polic have been "made more urgent by the u expected gains registered by the Cor munist party in the last election," e plained Dr. Raymond A. Dudley.

Enough self-supporting congregatio with native pastors is the first requir ment for a strong church, it is said. Se ond, no more foreigners should be giv key positions in schools or hospitals. Pe ple of India should be trained for the posts.

And so forth

Beauty contests were condemned Metropolitan Pandeleimon of Thes lonica because "the candidates expo their bodies for praise and an awa which they do not deserve."

"Whatever they have," he told an a dience of women, "is a work and gift the Creator, to whom they should grateful and whom they should tha with humiliation and modesty."

The Greek Orthodox prelate's critici was occasioned by a contest held Athens to select a "Miss Greece" for t international "Miss Universe" comp tion in Hollywood.

Roman Catholic churches in the Pi burgh diocese have a new rule ab mixed marriages. Beginning May 15 marriage of a Catholic and non-Catho is permitted in Roman Catholic church Until now such marriages could be s emnized only in the rectory. Pers about to be married are required to tend six half-hour periods of instruct in Roman Catholic teaching regard marriage. The bridal party must s outside the communion rail. "It sho be noted," said Bishop John F. Dearc "that not only the nuptial blessing is bidden but also the imparting of the s ple blessing of the Roman ritual." Th must be no singing.

World News Notes

ishop urges German unity

As the West German government took eps to enter into a defense agreement ith the Western powers, Bishop Otto ibelius of Berlin chided the West be- use of delays in conferences that might ad to German unity.

Writing in *Die Kirche*, church publi- tion, the Bishop said "Germany will ver be at peace—nor will Europe—as ng as this unnatural division exists. It a bad excuse to say one does not want gotiations if one is not sure of success. nly during discussions themselves will e find out whether anything like suc- ss can be achieved."

The comment of the Bishop was aimed the statement of the Western powers at they would conduct talks on German ity with the Soviet Government only ien it was "clearly apparent" that the viets intended to avoid the "fruitless gotiations of the past."

Commenting on threats that the con- ued division of Germany might lead to il war, the Bishop wrote "According God's will there should be no wars at But if Germans shoot at Germans s an unparalleled crime . . . unity must t be won by war."

ade barriers across the Atlantic

The United States had been tightening own trade blockade against western ropean countries during the last year. ssure from American businessmen for her tariffs on imports from Europe is ulting in difficulties for such countries Belgium, Denmark, England in their orts to earn dollars in the American rket.

A new United Nations trade treaty nt into effect May 21 suspending im- t duty on books, newspapers, educa- tional films, newsreels, art objects, scientific instruments, and other materials. Ten governments signed the pact, but not the U.S. Book publishers and labor organizations in America are fighting the agreement.

More tourists

Most painless way of sending U.S. dollars to Europe is to have them carried over by travelers going sightseeing. There would be more tourists eager to sail this summer than there are ships to carry them.

Four new trans-Atlantic liners go in service soon, including the luxury liner "United States" which first sails on July 3. Nine other ships will be transferred to passenger service on the North Atlantic this summer, but there will still not be enough to provide for everyone.

More Americans went to college

In 1950 there were 1.8 million more Americans who had graduated from college than there were in 1940, said the U.S. Bureau of the Census last month.

By 1950 the Americans who had completed high school were 34 per cent of the adult population. In 1940 there had been only 24 per cent. Americans over 25 years of age have averaged 9.3 years in schools, according to the 1950 report. In 1940 the average was 8.6 years. Women have more education than men (women's average, 9.6 years of schooling, men's, 9.0).

Of 87,675,000 Americans above 25 years of age in 1950, 2,299,000 had no schooling, 5,226,000 are college graduates. The "average" person got partway through the second year of high school.

Washington

THE DISPUTE OVER seizure of the steel industry is loaded with dynamite. The uneasy truce that prevails while the Supreme Court weighs the issues may be the calm before the storm. Once the Court's decision is handed down, the dynamite is likely to explode.

Both sides hope that the Court would announce its ruling quickly, without waiting to write the judicial opinions in full. But Justice Jackson announced on the last day of legal argument that he would oppose announcing any decision until the supporting opinions are ready. That means that it may be weeks before the case is decided.

Only the nine justices know how much ground the Court decision will cover. It may be a broad declaration dealing with the powers of the President. It may be a limited ruling on whether the seizure of the steel industry is constitutional. It may even return the case to the lower courts with instructions about further procedure.

Power struggle

Whatever the decision, it is sure to be unpalatable to one or another of the contending groups. Labor, management, and government are engaged in a struggle for power that cannot be resolved by judicial fiat. It may take a major industrial upheaval to bring them to a common ground of agreement. Any settlement which fails to take into consideration the rights of all concerned cannot be final.

If the Court rules that the steel industry must be handed back to the owners, labor's resentment will make a major strike inevitable. If the President's right to seize the steel plants is upheld, the steel companies will fight bitterly against any increase in wages. In either case, the government will be caught in the middle.

Our highly organized society group people into power blocs. The labor movement has grown from small beginning to a position of power where it can me management on equal terms. The go ernment thus becomes a referee betwee these two goliaths. Theoretically, th referee is supposed to remain neutral.

Third party

Actually, the government cannot a ways be strictly neutral. As third part in a power struggle, it must throw i weight in one direction or another at di ferent times, in order to maintain a pr carious balance. But if it veers too fa from the middle, the whole economy ca get out of balance.

In his handling of the steel disput President Truman may have leaned to far in the direction of labor. Charles Wi son, when he quit as economic stabiliz tion director, claimed that he did. H surely went beyond his depth when h seized the steel industry without specif authorization by Congress.

Whatever his mistakes in judgment, M Truman did make a desperate attempt keep steel rolling from the mills. If ste production stops, our whole econom could go into a tailspin. That basic pro lem will not be solved by the Court d cision.

If the executive and judicial depar ments of government are not able to ave a crippling steel strike, Congress ma have to seek a solution. This would b a hot potato for Congressmen to hand in an election year. But someone mu find a way to keep the public from bein the victim in the struggle for power.

—ROBERT E. VAN DEUSEN

BRIGHT YEARS AHEAD

CANADIANS WHO LIKE to buy as much possible with very little cash down on e deal are happy again. And so are the utomobile, electrical appliance, and furture people. The government has lifted l consumer credit curbs.

In November 1950 stiff restrictions had een placed on installment buying. If you anted to get a new car, you had to pay least half in cash and the balance with- 12 months. Most articles in the housernishing line needed a third down. nese and other measures were designed take some of the air out of the inated dollar.

EARLY THIS YEAR it looked as if the urbs had finally begun to work. In three onths the cost of living dipped 2.8 oints from its December peak of 191.5. ut manufacturers and merchants were omplaining that their sales were down o. It seemed an opportune time for inance Minister Douglas Abbott to beome optimistic—"I can see a bright uture for Canada for the next 10 years" -and announce the end of credit curbs.

Only a month earlier, when the new udget had been presented to Parliament, e finance minister had given another ause for businessmen and buyers to perk o. Some heavy excise taxes had been duced—on cars, from 25 to 15 per nt. On other items like electric stoves nd refrigerators the excise had been olished.

But on July 1 some of the illusions of timism will disappear before the hard ct that for most people the pay enelope will be deflated. Income tax is ing up!

Of course, the finance minister didn't ut it exactly that way. He said that the rsonal income tax rate was being cut about 6 per cent. But, in order to pay for the "pensions for everybody at age 70" plan which was introduced at the beginning of the year, a new tax amounting to about 8 per cent of the present income tax would be levied.

(Incidentally, in response to an article on this page several months ago concerning this pension plan which provides $40 a month to everyone over 70, a number of U.S. readers of THE LUTHERAN wrote to ask where they should apply. The pension is only for Canadians—and only for those who have resided in the country for at least 20 years.)

UNDERSCORING OPTIMISM about Canada's financial future is the continued premium of 1½ to 2 cents that its dollar commands over the U.S. dollar. That means that theoretically (but it's not worth trying!) you could eat a dollar meal in a Philadelphia restaurant, hand the cashier a Canadian dollar, and get two cents change. Actually, it has meant that some things imported from the U.S. have dropped in price. Gasoline, for example, went down half a cent a gallon recently.

But the exchange business has its other side. When that Philadelphia cashier visits Montreal this summer, along with thousands of other visitors from below the border, will she be asked for an extra two cents to cover the exchange of her depreciated dollar? Tourist officials are urging hot dog stands and fashionable resorts that it will be good business to take U.S. money at par. Most of those who profit from the summer influx will probably follow this advice. But now and then there will be someone who can't resist the temptation to get his legal two cents worth.

—NORMAN BERNER

HANNOVER IS IMPORTANT

By ALBERT P. STAUDERMAN

German city will be host this summer as world-wide assembly of Lutheran leaders meets to study united program for church

A QUAINT NORTH GERMAN CITY, with narrow streets and old-fashioned gabled houses, will be the focus of world interest among Lutherans for 10 days this summer. At Hannover, from July 25 to Aug. 3, the second postwar meeting of the Lutheran World Federation will be held. In addition to 250 official delegates representing 50 member churches, thousands of visitors will throng the city and attend the public meetings held in conjunction with official sessions. At some of the open-air services and rallies an attendance of 50,000 is anticipated.

Delegates from Japan, Indonesia, India and Africa will mingle with the representatives of the European and American churches at the session. Eight member bodies in the United States will send 48 official delegates, 16 of them from the United Lutheran Church.

SINCE THE 1947 ASSEMBLY at Lund, Sweden, commissions and committees have been working to prepare for this session. Study of their reports and discussions will be carried on in six major groups, dealing with theology, world missions, inner missions, youth work, evangelism and stewardship, and women in the church.

In some of these fields further study will be necessary before broad programs of action can be undertaken by the united efforts of world Lutherans. Major proposals ready to be acted upon deal with creation of a department of theology to co-ordinate and exchange information between churches and nations; and a program for inter-church aid and service to refugees, particularly in Europe.

Hannover, capital of the province of Hannover, is the headquarters of the Lutheran diocese presided over by Bishop Hanns Lilje. It's a city of nearly half a million people, still bearing the marks of the heavy bombing it received during the war because of its strategic importance as a railroad and manufacturing center.

IN THE CENTER of the old city is the market place with its famous Marktkirche (Market Church), where the opening Holy Communion service will be held. The red brick 14th-century building had its interior restored in 1855 and was noted for the beauty of its stained glass windows. It was partially destroyed during the war and is only now being rebuilt. It will be rededicated only a few days before the opening of the convention after months of careful reconstruction, but will still not be completely restored.

Also notable in the old part of the city is the red brick medieval town hall, the *Rathaus*. The newer city surrounds the old. Other noted churches there are the *Neustadterkirche*, the *Kreuzkirche* built about A.D. 1300 with a picturesque steeple. The former Royal Palace and the museums are also of interest to visitors.

Most of the public meetings will be ld in the *Stadthalle*, a round-domed ditorium which seats more than 3,000 ople. Since Hannover is a strongly itheran area, with three out of four of e people Lutherans, widespread public terest in the convention meetings is ticipated.

SESSIONS OF THE LWF ASSEMBLY will opened by the president, Bishop nders Nygren of Lund, who will speak the theme of the gathering, "The Liv- g Word in a Responsible Church." her speakers of world note will include shop Eivind Berggrav of Norway, au- or of the book *Man and State*, who will scuss the relationship between church d state. Bishop Lilje, Bishop Hans eiser, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry and hers will also be heard.

By bringing together the pastoral and y leaders of the various Lutheran urches throughout the world, the as- mbly will lead to a closer and better re- tionship between them. Delegates and sitors will have the chance to share formation and experience, giving each earer understanding of the major tasks the church throughout the world and me idea of the strategies used by the urches in meeting their problems. orld relief and refugee programs, aid orphaned missions and younger urches and similar enterprises have es- blished ties between Lutherans of dif- rent lands which enable them to work gether closely.

In conjunction with the LWF as- mbly, various other meetings will be ld. A youth and student convention ill bring together about 2,000 partic- ants form various countries to discuss udent work. Women of the church will ld special meetings to provide infor- ation and to co-ordinate their mission

DELEGATES WILL COMMUNE HERE
Marktkirche in Hannover

work and other projects. German churches will participate in the program through a nationwide Luther Week. Immediately following the Hannover convention a *Luthertag* celebration is scheduled to be held at Berlin, from Aug. 4-8. Many delegates and visitors will fly to the divided capital to take part in this program.

Congregations throughout Germany have raised funds to support this major undertaking. The fact that it can be held in a land so recently devastated by war is a tribute to the strength and resilience of the German church.

IN THE GREAT ASSEMBLY HALL where the major meetings will be held, a unique reminder of the war will hang over delegates' heads. This hall, badly damaged during the air raids, has been only partly repaired. German leaders hoped that American relief funds (although Hannover is located in the British Zone of occupation) would be used to complete

the repairs. The U.S. High Commission had no funds available for such reconstruction, however, and the temporary roof placed over the hall resulted in acoustics so bad that even with a public address system voices could not be heard from one end to the other.

During Dr. Fry's recent visit to Germany, arrangements were made by him at the request of the LWF Executive Committee with U.S. Army authorities to provide temporary improvements for the hall. A huge canopy of parachutes will be placed high above the heads of the delegates who gather there, thus making it possible for voices and music to be heard without dissonance, echoes and reverberations.

The main section of Hannover will be cleared up and apparently rebuilt when the assembly meets. Those who venture only a few blocks from either side of the main avenues, however, will still see the rubble and destruction left by the war. It will be a constant reminder of the need for a united Christendom as one means toward world peace.

Originally, plans called for 24 delegates to represent the ULCA at Hannover. This number was reduced to 16 when the total number of delegates was cut. This smaller number made a wide choice of ULCA representatives impossible since some persons had to be included because they held key positions in commissions which will report to the assembly at Hannover. Alternates and visitors will represent all parts of the ULCA, however, and will carry the assembly's message back to the church.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES chosen by the Executive Board to represent the ULCA are:

Dr. Henry H. Bagger, Lancaster, Pa.
Dr. Henry Beisler, Montclair, N. J.
Dr. Paul C. Empie, New York City
Mr. Henry Endress, New York City
Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, New York City
Dr. Donald R. Heiges, Chicago
Dr. Clarence E. Krumbholz, New York City
Mrs. John B. Moose, Columbia, S. C.
Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, Philadelphia
Dr. J. H. Reble, Kitchener, Ontario
Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, New York City
Dr. Joseph Sittler, Chicago
Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, Springfield, Ohio
Dr. Theodore G. Tappert, Philadelphia
Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz, Gettysburg, Pa.
Sister Mildred Winter, Philadelphia

NOW AND THEN A POLITICIAN will say: For all you get, you will have to pay. If you want high wages you will get high prices and low dividends, and if you want social insurance and great public works, you will have to pay more taxes. If you want the United States to have world leadership you will have to pay for it not only in military forces but in risking money abroad, and if you want a world government you will have to sacrifice economic and military force to moral power. When such a politician arises, he finds a response. More people are willing to take the bad with the good than we think.

—BARBARA SPOFFORD MORGAN in *Man's Restless Search* (Harper's)

lan Is Free to Believe or Doubt

HUGO L. BLACK

Supreme Court Justice disagrees with majority decision in released-time case because it applies force for religion

THE DECISION in the case of *McCollum Board of Education* held invalid as an stablishment of religion" an Illinois stem under which school children were eased from regular school work to at- id special religious classes in the school ildings. Although the classes were ught by sectarian religious teachers ither employed nor paid by the state. e state did use its power to further the ogram by releasing some of the chil- en from regular class work, insisting at those released attend the religious sses, and requiring that those who re- ained behind do some kind of academic ork while the others received their re- ious training. We said this about the inois system:

Pupils compelled by law to go to school for secular education are released in part from their legal duty upon the condition that they attend the religious classes. This is beyond all question a utilization of the tax-established and tax-supported public school system to aid religious groups to spread their faiths. And it falls squarely under the ban of the First Amendment . . ."

I SEE NO SIGNIFICANT difference be- veen the invalid Illinois system and that New York here sustained. Except for e use of the school buildings in Illinois, ere is no difference between the systems hich I consider even worthy of mention. the New York program, as in that of linois, the school authorities release some of the children on the condition that they attend the religious classes, get reports on whether they attend, and hold the other children in the school building until the religious hour is over. As we attempted to make categorically clear, the McCollum decision would have been the same if the religious classes had not been held in the school buildings. We said:

"Here *not only* are the state's tax-supported public school buildings used for the dissemination of religious doctrines. The state *also* affords sectarian groups an invaluable aid in that it helps to provide pupils for their religious classes through the use of the state's compulsory school machinery. *This* is not separation of church and state."

In response to a suit brought by two New York City taxpayers, the United States Supreme Court on April 28 ruled by a 6-to-3 majority that the "released-time" program by which public school children are excused for an hour each week on request of their parents to attend religious instruction in churches and synagogues is not contrary to the U.S. Constitution.

The decision of the Court and two of the dissenting opinions have already been printed in "The Lutheran." The dissent by Mr. Justice Black appears this week.

In an earlier decision in Illinois' McCollum case, the Court had ruled that classes in religion held in public school rooms during school hours were illegal.

McCollum thus held that Illinois could not constitutionally manipulate the compelled classroom hours of its compulsory school machinery so as to channel children into sectarian classes. Yet that is exactly what the Court holds New York can do.

I AM AWARE THAT OUR McCollum decision on separation of church and state has been subjected to a most searching examination throughout the country. Probably few opinions from this Court in recent years have attracted more attention or stirred wider debate. Our insistence on "a wall between church and state which must be kept high and impregnable" has seemed to some a correct exposition of the philosophy and a true interpretation of the language of the First Amendment to which we should strictly adhere. With equal conviction and sincerity, others have thought the McCollum decision fundamentally wrong and have pledged continuous warfare against it. The opinions in the court below and the briefs here reflect these diverse viewpoints.

In dissenting today, I mean to do more than give routine approval to our McCollum decision. I mean also to reaffirm my faith in the fundamental philosophy expressed in *McCollum and Emerson v. Board of Education*. That reaffirmance can be brief because of the exhaustive opinions in those recent cases.

DIFFICULTY OF DECISION in the hypothetical situations mentioned by the Court, but not now before us, should not confuse the issues in this case. Here the sole question is whether New York can use its compulsory education laws to help religious sects get attendants presumably too unenthusiastic to go unless moved to do so by the use of this state machinery. That this is the plan, purpose, design and consequence of the New York program cannot be denied. The state thus make religious sects beneficiaries of its powe to compel children to attend secula schools.

Any use of such coercive power by the state to help or hinder some religiou sects or to prefer all religious sects ove nonbelievers or vice versa is just what think the First Amendment forbids. In considering whether a state has entered this forbidden field the question is no whether it has entered too far but whether it has entered at all. New York is manip ulating its compulsory education laws to help religious sects get pupils. This is no separation but combination of church and state.

THE COURT'S VALIDATION of the New York system rests in part on its statement that Americans are "a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being." This was at least as true when the First Amendment was adopted; and it was just as true when eight justices of this Court invalidated the released-time system in McCollum on the premise that a state can no more "aid all religions" than it can aid one.

It is precisely because eighteenth century Americans were a religious people divided into many fighting sects that we were given the constitutional mandate to keep church and state completely separate. Colonial history had already shown that, here as elsewhere, zealous sectarians entrusted with governmental power to further their causes, would sometimes torture, maim and kill those they branded "heretics," "atheists" or "agnostics." The First Amendment was therefore to insure that no one powerful sect or combination of sects could use political or governmental power to punish dissenters whom they could not convert to their faith.

Now as then, it is only by wholly iso-

ting the state from the religious sphere
id compelling it to be completely neu-
al, that the freedom of each and every
nomination and of all non-believers can
maintained. It is this neutrality the
ourt abandons today when it treats New
ork's coercive system as a program
hich *merely* "encourages religious in-
uction or co-operates with religious
thorities." The abandonment is all the
ore dangerous to liberty because of the
ourt's legal exaltation of the orthodox
d its derogation of unbelievers.

UNDER OUR SYSTEM of religious free-
m, people have gone to their religious
nctuaries not because they feared the
w but because they loved their God.
ne choice of all has been as free as the
oice of those who answered the call to
rship moved only by the music of the
d Sunday morning church bells. The spiritual mind of man has thus been free to believe, disbelieve, or doubt, without repression, great or small, by the heavy hand of government. Statutes authorizing such repression have been stricken. Before today, our judicial opinions have refrained from drawing invidious distinctions between those who believe in no religion and those who do believe. The First Amendment has lost much if the religious follower and the atheist are no longer to be judicially regarded as entitled to equal justice under law.

State help to religion injects political and party prejudices into a holy field. It too often substitutes force for prayer, hate for love, and persecution for persuasion. Government should not be allowed, under cover of the soft euphemism of "co-operation," to steal into the sacred area of religious choice.

King Helps Dedicate London Church

By HERBERT O. HARTIG

Danish royal couple leads congregation of their countrymen in consecrating new Lutheran edifice in British capital

ONE THOUSAND YEARS AGO the English
ilt a church in London for the sake of
nverting to Christianity those Vikings
ho had settled in and around the city.
n the site of that old church the Danish
lony in London conducted its worship
ntil the early days of World War II
hen bombs totally destroyed the Church of St. Clement Danes. On May 11 the Danes returned joyfully to their own house of worship as St. Katherine's Danish Lutheran Church was consecrated.

King Frederik and Queen Ingrid of Denmark arrived in England for a six-day private visit, during which they had two official engagements. One was the unveiling of the Danish war memorial window in the Canterbury Cathedral; the other the consecration of St. Katherine's.

The Rev. Mr. Hartig, a member of the Synod of Western Canada, is a pastor of St. Mary's Lutheran Church, London.

THEIR MAJESTIES were received at the church door by His Excellency Count Reventlow, the Danish Ambassador, and the pastor, Jorgen A. Wichmann, who conducted them to their seats. Prince Georg of Denmark and his Princess were also in attendance.

The procession of vested ecclesiastics and other dignitaries included Dr. Hans Fuglsang-Damgaard, Bishop of Copenhagen; Provst Hermansen, minister for ecclesiastical affairs; the Anglican Bishops of Fulham and Willesden; ambassadors and pastors of Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland and Finland; and the Rev. David Ostergren, Lutheran World Federation executive secretary for Great Britain. Also present and participating at this festive occasion was the Copenhagen Male Voice Choir under the direction of Arne Bertelsen.

The organ prelude, choir introit, prayer and hymn were followed by an address by the Bishop of Copenhagen. His text was: "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

THE BISHOP REMINDED the congregation of their Danish heritage and right to worship God in their own tongue on foreign soil. He gave evidence of the keen interest in their undertaking by the motherland. Not only the gifts of money from home congregations but the presence of the Danish Royal Family attest to the fact that all Denmark joins in wishing God's blessing upon St. Katherine's and her members, he said.

"The holy universal church," said the Bishop, "throws its invisible arch over us all. This church has been built by all bygone generations, it is a mighty building raised in living stone. It is the living body with Christ at the head. God's might in creative strength becomes visible and active where the Word is obeyed, where

THE BISHOP ENTERS THE CHANCEL
Royal Couple are at the right

QUEEN INGRID AND KING FREDERIK
He's looking up at the preacher

ıe baptismal water runs, where the for-
veness of sins is promised, where people
ieet their Master and Saviour at the
ommunion Table, where the cross is
ken up, and we suffer for Jesus' sake,
his church can never die, even though
ıany church buildings fall. Because the
ıurch is built on Christ the gates of Hell
ıall not prevail against her."

The Bishop concluded "Deep divisions
e drawn between the states of this world
ıd the peoples of the earth; but God's
ıurch reaches out over all frontiers and
ivisions—and nothing can divide the
earts that are bound together in faith,
ope and charity."

By virtue of his office, Bishop Fuglsang-
amgaard then consecrated the church in
ıe name of the Triune God for its pur-
ose of worship and service. The service
as concluded by Pastor Wichmann till
the organ postlude the procession headed by Their Majesties left the church.

IN 1692 THE DANES received their first royal patent from William and Mary to build their own church and conduct their services in accord with the Augsburg Confession. During the Napoleonic Wars the congregation was hard hit and Danish Lutheranism in London almost came to an end. By 1873 a second revival came.

Danes in London had always enjoyed the favour of the British Royal Family since early days. Princess Alexandra of Denmark, later to become the consort of Edward VII, received permission from Queen Victoria in 1873 to use the Marlborough House Royal chapel for services together with her countrymen. From there the move was to St. Clement Danes which in the early part of the war was completely demolished by bombs. Again Marlborough House Royal chapel was used, through the kindness of Queen Mother Mary, and when it also was damaged by war the Swedish Lutherans allowed the Danes to worship with them on Harcourt Street. In 1950, through the help of the British Royal Family, they acquired a long lease to St. Katherine's in Regent's Park, a former Anglican church which had suffered severe damage during the war and which was completely renovated at a cost of 15,000 pounds, using up a savings fund the Danish congregation had accumulated.

Lutheranism in Great Britain received a wonderful boost when St. Katherine's was consecrated in the presence of the Danish Royal Family. All Britain has shared in the news.

FAITH IS PUSHING BRAVELY out into some unknown, it is venturing to live according to beliefs that can only be proved by trying them out at personal risk.

—JACK FINEGAN in *Youth Asks About Religion* (Association Press)

FIVE MAKE A FAMILY

IN THEIR OWN WAY

"So long, everybody! See you in church," called Dan, starting down the porch steps.

" 'Night, everyone," I echoed, catching his arm.

"Wait up for me and the lesser half," called Bill Thorn, clowning as usual.

"You're not going to get any less yourself after the way you waded into that cake of Flo's. That's for sure!" the "lesser half" retorted.

"Listen who's talking. You should have eaten up while you had the chance. Don't get cake like that around our house. All we get for dessert any more is a lot of fruit messed up together."

"That's the thanks I get for trying to help you listen to the doctor and take off that 20-pound roll you're carrying around the middle! Believe me, tomorrow I'm going to make home-made cinnamon buns and eat them under your nose."

"You do that. Then I can stop telling people, 'That wasn't a string bean I was out with last night. That was my wife.' "

Listen to him!" She nudged our linked arms. "Just because I don't look like a flour sack with a string around the middle like his mother—!"

"You listen to him," replied Dan. "I'm going to get some sleep. 'Night."

He herded me up our front walk so quickly I could only call, " 'Night, now! Fun wasn't it?"

In our living-room, Nancy had gathered her things together, ready to fly the minute we appeared. "Nancy!" I exclaimed, "I never realized it was so late!"

"I did!" Dan's laugh had an edge t it. "Come along, Miss Nancy. I'll wal you home since our chariot is still minu half its engine."

"Don't bother." Nancy was pleasar as ever in spite of her heavy eyelid "It's only a step."

"Can't have the goblins getting ou favorite baby-sitter," he insisted.

While he was gone, I took a quick loo at the children. Susie had burrowed a the way under the covers. How she coul sleep that way on a warm June night wa beyond me! I straightened her out, kisse her round flushed cheek and whispered "Thank you, dear God, for taking car of my baby while I was gone."

Pete looked just as sweet in his littl bed across the room. In sleep, his fac had lost the big-boy look he's been as suming lately. Smoothing the hair fron his forehead disturbed him. He mur mured sleepily, "Tiger in all the jungle," and was off again.

As I opened Karen's door, a comic book fell with a rustle from her bed t the floor. I picked it up and carried i out to the light in the hall. I sighed when I saw it was one of the highly colored love-story books which all child guidance specialists frown on. Nancy might have brought it. Or it might have been in the pile Karen got by trading this afternoon

I envied the women who can stand up in a PTA meeting and say, "I only allow my child to read this, that, and the other." What I approve and what my children do are not always the same. Oh

ll, who'd want to spend all day pulling
strings for three little puppets who
ly do what they are told? Maybe I
n get Karen to realize these love comics
like fairy tales, fun to read sometimes
t different from the way people act.

Now, in a comic book, I mused as I
nt down to wait for Dan, the Thorns
uld have a real row. Esther would
et a tall, dark stranger—maybe a
ller Brush man or the man to check
oil burner.—At any rate, the stranger
uld be someone who brought out the
ent sweetness in her instead of keeping
r spitting like a cat in the presence of a
ange bulldog. Bill would surprise him
ing sweet nothings, hit him too hard
d kill him. Esther would be horrified,
to help him escape and Bill would
lize she didn't mean it when she called
n a walrus. He would confess that for
ars he had been proud of her slimness.
e judge would call the killing involtary homicide or something, and everye would be happy, except the poor
ller Brush man or whatever he was.

"Well," said Dan, catching me before had a chance to wipe the silly smile om my face, "you look cheery. You ust have had a pleasanter evening than had."

"Why, didn't you have a good time? thought it was a nice party. Flo had ne to a lot of trouble."

"Oh, Flo's part of the party was fine. at was wonderful cake. I ate as much it as Bill Thorn, even if you didn't tch every mouthful I was eating the y Esther did! Honestly! No wonder acts so childish about not dieting when 's supposed to. If I had her on my il every minute, I'd give her someng to worry about, too."

"But if he would just listen to the doc-, she wouldn't watch him all the time. She really cares what happens to him."

"Then why is she always belittling him, instead of expecting him to act like an adult? That kidding of theirs gets too close to fighting for my taste. How two people who go to church every Sunday can torture each other and their friends like that, is beyond me."

"They don't mean it the way it sounds, I'm sure."

"I hope you're right, but I'm not so sure, myself. I think they've been taking these digs at each other so long each one is afraid to stop for fear the other will get one in first. If they could hear how it sounds!"

"Dan! What you said!—'If they could hear how it sounds.' You know the wire recorder down at the radio shop. Why don't we see if we could borrow it sometime? Or lure them in there somehow? Then someone could say something about diet and let nature take its course. When it was played back for them they could hear how they sound!"

Dan roared. "That would be better than trying to tell them, certainly."

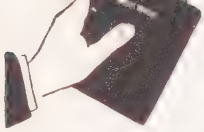
"Come on! You stop in there while you're down on Main Street tomorrow and see what the man says."

Dan looked at me in amazement. "I believe you really mean it. No wonder the female mosquito is more deadly than the male. She goes in for direct action."

"But why not?"

"Because neither of us is a real psychiatrist. Everything might turn out as we plan it. On the other hand, we might be starting something we couldn't finish."

And of course he was right. We didn't want to be responsible for a nervous breakdown or a divorce. "Well," I sighed, "it was fun to dream. I guess we'll just have to let them go on driving each other crazy in their own way."



Jesus Did Not Repeal the Commandments

The way of life taught in the Old Testament law and by the Old Testament prophets is still the standard for Christian living

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT of the "begats" as dull reading. You know the section I mean, from Matthew's first chapter: "Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas . . ." right on through 14 verses. It might be of interest historically, but it leaves me cold.

Now it looks to me as if I've been wrong. Not that you'd ever turn to Matthew's genealogy for spiritual strength in time of temptation, or for comfort in time of sorrow. But it has occurred to me that perhaps part of the reason for our "milk-and-water Christianity" is that we've forgotten the "begats." Let me explain.

There are people, including a lot of Christians, who think that the New Testament is written exclusively for the very personal relationships of life. That it affects, primarily, the relationship between God and me; and secondly, my own personal relationships with other individuals. Period.

When you pick up the New Testament, and read it from cover to cover (which you will find a very exciting experience if you've only read it the chapter-a-day way), you can't escape the fact that it is addressed primarily to individuals. Jesus does some preaching and teaching to crowds, it's true. But the main emphasis is on His willingness to take time with one puzzled Nicodemus, to bother with one repentant Zaccheus, to heal one blind beggar.

Even on the cross, where He is dying for "the world," it is a world of individuals. It's a world made up of the thief on the cross, and the soldier who put the thorns on His head, and the disciple who betrayed Him, and the disciple who denied Him because He couldn't take the razzing, and you punching the time clock and me cooking the dinner. It's not an abstract world—it's a world of real persons.

HERE'S WHERE the "begats" come in. You don't get the full meaning of much of Jesus' teachings, or even of His sacrificial death, unless you remember that Jesus, humanly speaking, was a product of the Jewish religion. His early training was in Jewish law and history. He knew the prophets; and even as He died on the cross, He expresses the terrible depth of His agony in words from Hebrew scriptures: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

A lot of people think that when Christianity came along it did away with all of the religious truth of Judaism. But that isn't what Jesus taught. His death abolished the necessity for ritual sacrifice, it is true. And His death made possible a reconciliation between God and man that wasn't possible under the law. But nowhere do we have any hint of the idea that Jesus was throwing out all of the moral truths of the Old Testament. In fact, He explicitly denies that, when He says: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

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v and the prophets; I have come not to
olish them but to fulfill them."

MATTHEW 5:17

But when the Pharisees heard that he had
enced the Sadducees, they came together.
nd one of them, a lawyer, asked him a
estion, to test him. "Teacher, which is
e great commandment in the law?" And
said to him, "You shall love the Lord
ur God with all your heart, and with all
ur soul, and with all your mind. This is
the first and great commandment. And a
second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

MATTHEW 22:34-40

Behold the Lord stood beside a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumbline." Then said the Lord, "Behold I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel."

AMOS 7:7, 8

THERE ARE SOME who say: "But no,
u misunderstand. Jesus means only
at He has come to fulfill the prophet's
sions of the coming of the Messiah. He
saying there, 'I am the Christ for whom
u wait.' "

That Jesus is truly the promised Mesah, the Son of God, is the basic, central
re of the Christian faith. Without that,
ere is no Christian *faith:* there is only
ethic, a set of rules. But at least the
ay Matthew puts it, *that is not what He talking about at this particular time.*

Here He *is* talking of the "rules," the
ay a Christian must live. He is saying
at His coming will put life-blood into
e law and the prophets. His followers
ill be able to understand the real meang of the law and the prophets.

They will see in every commandment
e spirit of love. They will understand
e bitter pronouncements of the prophs because they will see that the prophets,
o, were protesting against the violations
the law of love.

CHRISTIANS HAVE, in the centuries that
llowed, seen at least two aspects of the
mpelling necessity for the cross to ful the law and the prophets: it is quite
possible to obey God's law without the
wer within us of the crucified Saviour;
d secondly, always and always and always, and it will be that way until we die, we have to come to that cross for forgiveness for our failure to obey God's law.

What is this Old Testament morality that Jesus simply assumed when He taught and lived? What was this "law and prophets" all about?

It's about a lot of things, and we can't go into all of it. But one fact, which the Old Testament underlines, we in the twentieth century have sometimes forgotten: God demands righteousness and justice, not only in personal affairs, but in every part of life.

That's the meaning of Amos' vision about the plumbline; it's set against a background of Amos' stern denunciations against the nation for the oppression of the weak by the strong, the exploitation of the poor by the rich. By the "plumbline" was meant God's standards of righteousness and justice. If a society wasn't built "level" according to that plumbline, it would fall, just as surely as a building will fall that ignores the plumbline.

That's why the Church cannot simply ignore political and economic and social problems. If it does, it is censoring a part of the gospel, the "plumbline" part that demands that, in every area of life, God's standards of righteousness and justice must be the measuring stick.

Personal Problem Clinic

Playroom

QUESTION: Jimmy is six. For several years he has had a good-sized and well-equipped playroom. It happens, however, that he is generally unwilling to confine himself to that room. He always wants to haul his playthings out into the living-room. I don't understand why, with such a nice arrangement, he isn't content to play in his room and avoid the problems which are involved in scattering around his toys.

REPLY: Youngsters tend to feel that they are missing something if they are shut off from others. This is especially the case if there are no other children. People, little and big, are social beings, and they like companionship. They are better satisfied if they can feel that they are in some kind of contact with other people.

A playroom ought to be as attractive as possible. If the door is left open, and a child can come and go as he wishes, he is more likely to be satisfied, feeling that he is not banished from his group. If you have ever used coercion to keep the boy in his room you have probably planted a fear and a certain degree of suspicion which now increase his desire to be with you.

Church gambling

QUESTION: At our congregational meeting, after a thorough discussion, a vote was taken and it was decided to do away with chancing of all kinds. But at a later meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society it was decided to chance off a quilt, and the chance books were given out. I refused to take one, since the organization acted contrary to the decision of the congregation.

REPLY: The action of the congregation was commendable and that of the Ladies' Aid Society improper. The latter action is decidedly out of line with the teachings of the United Lutheran Church. The society has erred further by violating the action of the congregation, which is the final word for the entire congregatio including all auxiliaries and agencies. Th church council should remind the orga ization of the official action and ask th group to conform to it.

Of course, any move to bring the a society into line will arouse oppositic on the part of some people. The matte ought to be handled as diplomatically a possible. Many congregations have simila problems cropping up from time to tim Long after such issues have apparentl been settled in congregations they ma again arise, largely because new mem bers, who have come from churches when such practices are condoned, stir them u without knowing about decisions mad earlier. Chancing is gambling, and gamb ling is illegal in many states.

More important than ways of uprootin unethical practices in fund-raising is cor tinuous education in Scriptural method Fortunately, we find less and less of th undesirable ways—we are progressing i our spiritual life, which includes all form of stewardship. But education in Christia faith and living is never completed—i must go on. We must learn more an more to give as the Lord has prospered u —as a response to his love.

Appearance

QUESTION: How much does one's appear ance count in love affairs?

REPLY: A good appearance—especiall cleanliness, orderliness, and proper dres —attracts others, especially the opposit sex. As a rule, one's appearance and mani ner express his inner qualities, though no always. One must, therefore, pay atten tion to more than outer appearance Slovenliness repels people, though under neath there may be nobility and capability Sir Isaac Newton was so careless abou his appearance that his friends had to se to it that he was acceptably dressed fo meetings and social occasions. He neve married. —EARL S. RUDISILL

linois Synod Aims at 100 per cent Apportionment

CLYDE G. STEELE

Additional penny a day would put synod well above quota, convention hears. Varied group of new members is received

"When Christ personalized the Lord's pper with the words 'for you,' he revealed e divine desire of the Trinity for men, ated the purpose of His life on earth, and ve to all Christians the foundation for essed joy."

This declaration by President Harmon J. cGuire opened the meeting of the Illinois nod at St. John's Church, Joliet, May -15.

Dr. G. Elson Ruff, editor of The Lutheran and ULCA representative, set forth asons why the apportionment should be et in full. American missions, the speaker inted out, is "a life and death matter for e Lutheran church. An additional million dollars is needed now—this is the ancial problem. We have the men and e organization to carry on the enterprise, erefore it is a matter for our conscience."

foreign missions, Dr. Ruff said, "the time ay be short for us to carry out the great mmission, and this puts the edge of gency on our task. Either we respond the needs or the work fails."

In presenting the picture of the worldide church, the speaker declared that "in ve years and in a very amazing manner ere has come about an enthusiastic conciousness of World Lutheranism and the ovement has been led by the Lutherans of merica. Powerful currents of history are owing through the church in our day and very pastor must serve the whole church Christ on earth from the local congregaon to the conference, to the synod, to the World Council of Churches."

Reception of new members into synod, sually a routine matter, this year was one of the dramatic moments of the meeting. Seven men were received on Tuesday and they represented six different fields of service. The Rev. Alfred Gulbis, received from the Latvian Church, will leave at an early date to work among his fellow countrymen in Venezuela under direction of the National Lutheran Council. The Rev. Harry Johann Nuudi, received from the Estonian Church, will work in Chicago. Others received were Dr. Harold H. Lentz, new president of Carthage College; the Rev. Albert H. Schnake, chaplain in the Veterans' Hospital, St. Cloud, Minn.; the Rev. Albert R. Seyda, Lutheran student pastor for Chicagoland; Pastor Marcus F. Otterbein, North Austin, Chicago; Pastor Martin J. Zulauf, Redeemer, Aurora.

Delegates rejoiced when announcement was made that stewardship had reached an all-time high in 1951. The report of the Stewardship committee indicated that the per capita giving in synod was $65 as against a $53 average in the ULCA. Benevolent giving in Illinois was $14.50 as against the $6.21 average for the whole church.

However, rejoicing was relegated to a lower key when Committee Chairman Malcolm Shutters further reported that we had paid only 82.6 per cent of the apportionment. Ten churches gave more than 100 per cent of their quota, and 72 contributed their amounts in full; but the remainder fell into a much lower category. Pastor Shutters pointed out that if every communing member had contributed only one penny a day more, synod would have been far beyond all its goals. He said, "Go back home and break the law of averages and we will be over the top next year."

Photograph by Rev. John Gabla

LINEUP IN ILLINOIS

President McGuire, President Harold Lentz of Carthage College, Mr. Erwin List of ULC Executive Board, Dr. Ruff of "The Lutheran" who spoke for ULC at Illinois convention

THE CONVENTION voted unanimously to "memorialize the United Lutheran Church in America to favor the use of the Revised Standard Version in the printed lessons in the new church hymnal."

Thirteen men were ordained. Dr. Roger C. Kaufman, pastor of Grace Church, Woodstock, preached the sermon on the theme "The Gift of the Holy Spirit." This was the largest group of ordinands in the history of the synod.

A HAPPY HIGHLIGHT of the convention occurred at the Brotherhood dinner. Proceedings were abruptly interrupted as the assembled delegates and visitors surprised President McGuire with a brief party on the 25th anniversary of his ordination. The four conference presidents joined in presenting him a gift of luggage for use in his many travels and a wallet containing a gift of more than $700 from the congregations of the synod. The delegates also voted unanimously to send the president to the Hannover Conference.

Newly organized Christ Church, Clarendon Hills, with 120 baptized members, was received into synod, bringing the number of congregations to 152. Mission developer Robert Hooker reported that canvassing would begin in Lombard at an early date.

Synod moved forward in other areas. The benevolence budget for the coming year was adopted on the basis of $10 per communing member as against the present $9.75.

The delegates considered at length and with mild debate the "Ten Advantages of a Synodically Owned Summer Camp" as presented by Pastor Besecker of Franklin Park, and then voted to authorize appointment of a special committee for the purpose of selecting a campsite and acquiring an option on the site. Approval was given for calling a special meeting of synod to take any appropriate action to acquire such a camp.

The convention was the first occasion for the appearance of Dr. Lentz as the new president of Carthage College. His forthright presentation of the problems of maintaining a first-rate college on the basis of the present income brought strong response from the audience.

lission Developer Sought by Indiana Synod

ROBERT H. HEINE

Dr. Hanes is re-elected president. One congregation is received and one candidate ordained. "Design for Youth" is banquet theme

THE INDIANA SYNOD convened in St. Luke's hurch, Logansport, Indiana, May 12-14, quested its executive board to consider the ssibility of calling a synodical mission de- loper and a director of youth work on a ll or part-time basis. Indiana has three as approved for new missions, two in Ft. ayne and one in South Bend, but has been able to secure pastors to develop the lds.

One new congregation, Faith, Fort Wayne, s received into synod. The congregation, ganized last November, will complete a ansell-designed chapel in June.

"Great and strong enemies are risen up ainst the church," warned President F. M. Hanes in his convention sermon. "In the current struggle for power among the nations, the faith once delivered to the saints is one of the chief contentions."

Dr. Hanes was re-elected president for a three-year term. The Rev. Donald E. Elder, Indianapolis, who has served as acting secretary, was elected secretary. Dr. Albert H. Keck, Richmond, was re-elected vice president and John F. Holaday, Richmond, treasurer.

ULCA CONVENTION DELEGATES

Clergymen: Frederick M. Hanes, Albert H. Keck, Donald E. Elder, Robert H. Heine, J. Luther Seng, Paul J. Renz, Walter M. Wick, Virgil L. Yohe.

Laymen: Otto K. Jensen, Harold S. Barnes, Mark Myers, William Knanlein, C. C. Donaldson, Fred Neff, Vernon D. Shoup, J. Wesley Yoder.

AT THE CONVENTION BANQUET
Dr. Hanes and Pastor Albert

THE LUTHERAN SUMMER SCHOOL at Oakwood Park, Lake Wawasee, will be discontinued after 1952, by action of the convention. The Oakwood Park facilities are leased from the Evangelical-United Brethren Church. It is hoped that the leadership training program can be transferred to the synod's Camp Lutherwald on South Twin Lake.

The Rev. Harold R. Albert, pastor of First Church, Columbus, Ohio, addressed the convention banquet on "Design for Youth." He outlined the threefold task of the church—to bring youth face to face with Jesus Christ for a decision, to present to them a proper hope, to interpret to them the love of God. "The church owes it to the younger generation, and its design for them must be, that, for them also there abideth

Faith, Hope, Love, these three," concluded Pastor Albert.

THE REV. BRADLEY L. STROUP, Logansport, preached the sermon at the ordination of his son, Robert Paul Stroup. Holy Communion was administered to all delegates and visitors at the ordination service. A May graduate of Hamma Divinity School, Pastor Robert Stroup, has been called to the Corydon parish.

Membership gains in the Indiana Synod for 1951 were 3.6 per cent in baptized membership, 2.5 per cent in confirmed membership, and 2.7 per cent in communing membership. Benevolence apportionment for 1953 will remain at $9 per communicant.

Full-time President to be Chosen by Michigan Synod

By WALTER M. BRANDT

Memorials to ULCA ask investment of church funds in congregational properties and use of RSV in new hymnal. Two candidates ordained.

ACTION TO ESTABLISH the office of full-time president was taken by Michigan Synod at its 32nd annual convention, May 12-14, at Resurrection Church, Detroit. Election will take place at a special convention sometime early in the fall.

Chairman of the nominating committee of four pastors and three laymen is Dr. Henry O. Yoder of Ann Arbor. Until a full-time president, who will also serve as missionary superintendent, is elected and inducted, Pastor Alfred G. Belles of Detroit was re-elected to serve as part-time president. Re-elected with him were Pastor Frank P. Madsen, secretary; Kenneth W. Johnson, treasurer; and Pastor Louis F. Gunderman, statistician. Pastor John M. Recher of Three Rivers was elected vice president.

SYNOD ORDAINED two Hamma graduates to the Gospel ministry—Donald W. Stoughton, son of Wittenberg's prexy, who becomes pastor of Trinity Church, Battle Creek, and Robert F. Haskel of Messiah Church, Detroit, who becomes pastor of Nativity Church, Detroit. The ordination sermon was delivered by Messiah's Pastor Ivan O. Miller.

Other new pastors received into synodical membership were Raymond A. Heine of Christ Church, Monroe; Charles T. Mueller of Redeemer, Lansing; and Janis V. Lazda of Trinity (Latvian), Grand Rapids. Recommended for clerical membership were August W. Mueller, Hamma graduate, who will be ordained by his home synod (Indiana) and become missionary pastor of St. Matthew's Church, Allen Park, Detroit synod's newest mission to be organized June 15; and Daniel Rolik, Chicago Seminary graduate who will be ordained by the Slovak Zion Synod and become assistant pastor of Hope Church, Detroit, June 15.

Nebraska Synod's President Theodore Schuldt, ULCA representative, delivered two addresses presenting the farflung interests and work of the church's boards and agencies.

Statistically there was a 2.26 per cent increase in baptized membership and a 1.6 per cent increase in confirmed membership. Percentage of confirmed members communing was 70.4. Average contribution per confirmed member was $59.06 in 1951. The income objective for 1952 calls for $10.61 per communing member, $5.25 for synod and $5.41 for the ULCA.

ACTION WAS TAKEN memorializing the ULCA to make available for use by the Board of American Missions additional funds for church expansion; to adopt

licy providing that funds of the various ards and agencies of the church which e not required by law or by the direction the donors to be invested in corporate United States Government investments, re-invested in church properties on a ınd income-producing basis; and to in- uct the president of the church to appoint committee thoroughly to investigate the estments of boards and agencies of the ırch to the end that all possible secular estments may be eliminated in favor of estment in church properties; also that new Common Service Book and the casional Services contain the Revised ndard Version of the Bible.

Dr. John Schmidt, recently returned from rmany, addressed the convention, under- ring the continuing need for wholehearted l generous support of Lutheran World tion and Lutheran World Relief, and inting up the significance of the Lutheran rld Federation assembly at Hannover in y. Synod exceeded its $13,110 1951 LWA l to rank fourth among ULCA synods.

Among the "bright spots" reported by sident Clarence C. Stoughton of Witten- g College were: "No deficit for 1950-51"; l and final clearance of $430,000 mort- gage indebtedness Dec. 1, 1951; erection of $175,000 Leamer Hall; the submission of famed architect T. Norman Mansell's exciting and intriguing plans for the million-dollar combination Weaver Chapel and Library; and the deepening spiritual emphasis throughout the entire campus.

FOR THE FIRST TIME in its history Hamma Divinity School reported an undergraduate enrollment over 100. Of the 102 undergraduate students, 59 are married and 55 are veterans. In addition 20 pastors pursued graduate courses in residence. Chicago Seminary, Maywood, reported an even 100 students enrolled full time, as well as beginning of the construction of a much needed library building.

At the close of 1951 synod's CHEY appeal quota of $48,065 had been paid to the tune of 352 per cent, thanks to congregational gifts and two large gifts. This enthusiastic response shows appreciation of our schools and a real desire to participate in every aspect of the church's work.

ULCA CONVENTION DELEGATES

Clergymen: Alfred G. Belles, Frank P. Madsen, Otto F. Reble.

Laymen: Kenneth W. Johnson, Clem H. Block, Dr. Leonard Klausmeyer.

idwest Synod Approves Merger

MARTIN G. SCHROEDER

Three synods will unite in 1954. Four congregations are received, including two new missions. Missionaries are heard

A THREE-SYNOD MERGER in the midwest ich has been under consideration since 19 came close to consummation when the dwest Synod voted its approval during 63rd annual convention held May 12-15 Frieden's Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. h the Kansas Synod and the Nebraska od had previously adopted the merger olution.

The action of the three synods completes preliminary work. The merger resolution had been arrived at under the chairmanship of Dr. Franklin Clark Fry at a committee meeting of representatives of the three synods last March.

As a result, 1954 will see the creation of a synod of more than 75,000 baptized members and 174 congregations. Historical differences of language and customs having disappeared, the synods believed the time

MIDWEST ORDINATION IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

Daniel Schroeder and Frederick Wolff kneel in front. Pastors Martin G. Schroeder, Martin Schroeder, Lorin J. Wolff, R. R. Syre and Wallace Wolff participated in service

had come for more effective co-operation. Most congregations of the new merged synod will be in the states of Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri.

IN HIS SERMON at the opening Holy Communion service, President Lorin J. Wolff spoke of the advance in growth and activity of the Lutheran Church, yet reminding his listeners of the unfinished tasks that lie before all Christendom. Evidence of the growth of the synod was seen at its opening session when four new congregations were received: St. Paul's, Glenvil, Nebraska; St. John's, Scribner, Nebraska; and two new mission congregations, Resurrection, Ames, Nebraska, and St. Mark's, Great Bend, Kansas.

How quickly a new mission and its members become part of the greater church was seen in the election of Mr. Gene Brack of Great Bend, Kansas, member of the new mission congregation, as one of the lay delegates to the ULCA convention.

NEW PASTORS received into synod wer the Rev. Louis deFreese of Oklahoma City the Rev. Paul Kuehner and the Rev. F. W Hering of Diller, Nebraska. Tuesday eve ning saw the ordination of Daniel C Schroeder, graduate of Central Seminary called to St. Paul's Church of Emerson Nebraska, and Frederick J. Wolff, graduat of Northwestern Seminary, called to Im manuel Church at Hoisington, Kansas.

The ordination service was a family af fair. Frederick Wolff is a brother of Pres ident Lorin J. Wolff. The ordination sermo was preached by another brother, the Rev Wallace Wolff. Also participating in th service was Dr. Martin Schroeder, father o Daniel Schroeder, and his brother, the Rev Martin G. Schroeder.

The needs and opportunities for mission aries in South America were stressed by tw sons of synod, the Rev. Paul Hansen o British Guiana and the Rev. Levon Spatl of Argentina. Pastor Hansen said that si pastors are handling 35 congregations i

itish Guiana. Pastor Spath reported six ssionaries needed in Argentina immedi-ly to fill vacancies, but that the area uld use all the missionaries it could get. has experienced no trouble with the dic-orship of General Peron, but pastors are t allowed to use the radio or to speak m the pulpit on political issues.

Dr. Karl Kinard, president of the South rolina Synod, was official ULCA repre-ntative. He stressed the vital importance the mission program of the church, both reign and at home, pointing out that more n 220 missionaries are now stationed in reign lands. Dr. W. P. Hieronymus of dland College outlined the needs and llenges of this institution. The Rev. Alvin tersen, student pastor of NLC students the University of Nebraska, reported on progress of the new student center now der construction on the campus of the iversity and announced that $60,000 of needed $100,000 has been raised.

THE COMMITTEE on the Ministry reported largest number of students in the history synod. Nine men are now in seminary, 13 are in colleges and three women are preparing for full-time service.

Dr. E. C. Hansen, statistician, reported steady growth with 24,789 baptized members in 76 congregations, Sunday school enrollment of 9,200 and nine missionaries serving in Japan, India, Argentina, British Guiana and Africa.

Two resolutions were adopted—the first, to memorialize the ULCA to support the action taken by the Congress of the United States in opposition to Universal Military Training; the second, registering a firm stand against sending a U.S. representative to the Vatican.

Officers re-elected were the Rev. Richard Jobman, vice president; the Rev. Werner Welchert, secretary; Dr. E. C. Hansen, statistician; Carl Grothen, treasurer. Other laymen elected to the Executive Board were Walter Jobman and William Horst.

ULCA CONVENTION DELEGATES

Clerical: E. C. Hansen, Herman Goede, Theodore Althoff, Hugo Welchert.

Lay: Walter Jobman, William Horst, Gene Brack, Lloyd Lewellen, Carl Grothen, August Brei.

outh Program Concerns Pacific Synod

PAUL WILLIAM FUNK

Life Service and Luther League plans get attention from delegates. Support is increased for new Pacific Seminary

"ACCENT ON YOUTH" might have been osen as the theme of the 52nd convention the Pacific Synod held in St. Paul's urch, Vancouver, Washington, May 12-. One entire evening was given over to Youth Committee to present the cause Life Service and its meaning. Young peo-from throughout the synod were invited attend a youth dinner which featured ks by Russell Luke and James Seiffert, ndidates for ordination. The ministry, the ıconate, and the need for other full-time workers in the church were stressed. Climax was the ordination of Mr. Luke, son of the host congregation.

Youth again took the spotlight when a proposed merger of the two district Luther Leagues was given favorable consideration. The convention gave the green light to a plan to join the two groups into a Pacific Synod League.

THE REPORT of Pacific Theological Seminary, which the Pacific Synod is co-sponsoring with the California Synod, spurred dele-

gates to launch a campaign to raise $15,000 each year for the next three for the school and $1.50 per communing member was also included in the 1953 budget for its support.

Hope Church of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Redeemer Church of Boise, Idaho, were the two mission congregations received. The Klamath Falls congregation, organized May 4 by Missionary Roderick Anderson added 58 confirmed members to the rolls, while Redeemer Church, Boise, was organized with 103 charter members on May 11 by Missionary Homer Berner. New fields now ready for development indicated that synod might be able to organize as many as five new missions before its next convention.

Stewardship Secretary Max Gehlhar told delegates that the congregations of the synod were doing well in their stewardship program, but that eight churches were still not reaching 100 per cent apportionment. Immanuel Church, Willamina, Oregon, which is but two years old, led the entire synod in stewardship giving. It has practiced 50-5 giving since its organization.

The convention adopted some major changes in the synodical constitution that the constitution committee had worked on for the past three years. One was the adoption of the article which combined the Home Mission Committee and the Executive Committee under one synodical board. Most debated was the section dealing with licensure of unordained men to serve congregations when ordained men are not available. Because of the great problem of supply in the case of the synod's two congregations in Alaska, it was felt that it would work a hardship upon these fields not to have provisions for licensing unordained men.

With the use of a pair of work overalls and an illustrative chalk talk, Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, ULCA secretary, presented a re

Pacific Synod Gets "Overall" Picture of ULCA

Dr. Reinartz shows President Steinhoff some tools that serve the church

SYNOD PRESIDENT WELCOMES NEW PASTORS
Dr. Steinhoff greets Russell Lake and James Seiffert

t on the "Overall Work of the Church." delegates learned that their part in the rch's advance and growth was more than a matter of offerings and pledges, and t work clothes and tools had a very im- tant part to play in the life of the entire ted Lutheran Church.

REPRESENTING EIGHT Lutheran synodical ups, 1,500 people gathered at Central urch, Portland, Oregon, on Wednesday night of the convention to hear Dr. Herman W. Siefkes, vice president of the American Lutheran Church, deliver a message on "Build Better—Upon the Rock." On Thursday evening, 2,500 pastors and laymen gathered at Portland Civic Auditorium to hear messages from Dr. Oscar Benson, president of the Augustana Lutheran Church, and Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz of our own church. All three speakers echoed that the Lutheran Church in America should be one.

ocky Mountain Synod Wants RSV in New Book

OLIVER F. WEAVER

Convention extends presidential term to three years and re-elects John F. Futchs. Mission and evangelism plans are adopted by synod

BY A LARGE VOTE the Rocky Mountain od, after much earnest debate, mem- alized the ULCA and its commission to the Revised Standard Version of the le for the lessons in the new service book which is to be published soon.

The sixty-first convention of synod was held in Grace Church, Casper, Wyoming, May 13-15. Grace Church is the northernmost congregation of synod, just 1,026 miles

from the southernmost congregation, St. Paul's, El Paso, Texas, where the convention will be held next year.

Dr. J. J. Scherer, of Richmond, Va., ULCA representative, spoke during the sessions on the work of the whole church, addressed the Women's Missionary Society convention, meeting concurrently with synod, and was the chief speaker for the banquet held the last evening.

THE FULL-TIME PRESIDENCY adopted by synod last year was heartily indorsed by action of synod in adopting amendments to the constitution changing the term from one to three years.

The Rev. John F. Futchs, first full-time president during the past year, was re-elected for a three-year term by a 90 per cent majority on the first ballot.

Other officers elected were the Rev. Leeland C. Soker, vice president; the Rev. John W. Eastlack, secretary; Mr. Oscar C. Samuel, treasurer; the Rev. Harry B. Hull, statistical secretary; Dr. R. B. Wolf, historian.

RECEIVED INTO SYNOD was Holy Cross Church, newly organized congregation in Wheatridge, suburb of Denver, a most promising field. It has 109 charter members and 65 children. Papers have been signed for the purchase of a two and one-half acre site and building plans will be developed in the near future.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY LEADERS MEET
Mrs. Charles W. Baker, Jr., and Mrs. C. C. Conger at the Rocky Mountain Synod

Plans were made to give the Committee on the Ministry a more detailed role in guidance of young men toward the ministry

CHURCH LEADERS AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD MEETING
Back row: President Futchs, Statistician Hull, Treasurer Samuel, Vice President Soker. In front: Secretary Eastlack, Historian Wolf, ULCA Representative J. J. Scherer, Jr.

ore careful counseling and guidance will given pre-theological students, person-y tests will be used, and closer contacts de in helping the student toward the hest efficiency.

Approval was given for the survey of five w mission fields allotted to synod by the me Mission Council for this territory. ns were adopted for holding a Workshop Evangelism this coming fall in Denver, lorado.

At the Brotherhood session Bert Still, of uquerque, was elected president. A plan was adopted for raising and maintaining a fund for the support of theological students.

Concurrently meeting was the synodical Women's Missionary Society, at which Mrs. C. W. Baker, president of the WMS of the ULCA, was the speaker.

The society elected its first three-year-term president, Mrs. John F. Futchs, wife of synod's president. A parallel situation existed some 30 years ago in the synod.

ULCA CONVENTION DELEGATES

Clerical: John F. Futchs, Milton C. Johnson.
Lay: Oscar C. Samuel, Dr. R. E. Ehlert.

ormy Debate Marks Session in Texas

JAMES F. VORKOPER

Rev. Royal E. Lesher is elected to new full-time office after President Speaker declines. Two new congregations are received into synod

The 100th annual convention of the as Synod turned into a rather stormy sion in the United Dr. Martin Luther urch, Shiner, for three days beginning y 13.

First came the reception of two new con-gations, the Church of the Reformation, rland, and Crestview Church, Waco, and new pastors, the Rev. Royal E. Lesher Waco and the pastor-elect of Faith urch, San Antonio, Myron K. Blackman. next item of new business was "Special ler"—voting on whether the Texas Synod uld elect a full-time president or carry on h a pastor of a congregation at the helm.

Two full sessions were used for debate. pros, led by some of the laymen, espe-ly Conrad E. Broden, and Pastor P. L. hlberg, Jr., urged that the synod would elop more rapidly under a full-time pres-nt and that it would not add much greater ense. The cons took the view that the e was not ripe and that the receipts of od were not sufficient to meet the greater enses of a full-time president. Pastors J. M. Schedler, William J. Hoebel and Frank O. Broesicke were the most frequent speakers on the "realist" side.

The chaplain of synod, Pastor Frank Wagner, led in a period of prayer asking God's guidance before the vote was taken on this great step. Then it was done. The vote was 32 for and 19 against.

President Lewis P. Speaker, after the nominating ballot was cast, urged that he be not considered for the full-time task because of the many obligations to his congregation in their impending parish hall construction. He received a majority of the votes on the nominating ballot, but on the first election ballot his wishes were respected. Finally the Rev. Royal E. Lesher was elected president by a substantial majority. He commented that Texans do things very fast—a member of synod less than 24 hours was elected to be the first full-time president! He did not accept at first but at the close of the sessions made his acceptance speech.

The Rev. George F. Harkins, assistant to President Fry, represented the ULCA. His message at an evening service presented the

ELECTED IN TEXAS
Rev. Royal E. Lesher

causes of the church and emphasized the missionary task of the church and the part each synod must play in it.

Dr. E. B. Keisler, president of Central Seminary, told of the work of the seminary and its accomplishments with CHEY help. He assisted at the ordination service of Myron K. Blackman, a recent graduate of Central. The Rev. Willard W. Alexander represented Midland College.

DR. W. F. KRAUSHAAR, president of Texas Lutheran College (ALC), thanked the synod for its many ULCA students, urged continued co-operation and wished for greater unity between the Lutheran bodies in America. Nearly a score of Texas Synod young people have been attending this school.

Even though the budget was not attained, more was received on apportionment than in any year in the history of synod: $35,361.70. This was 84 per cent of the total budget and 76 per cent of the ULCA apportionment. For 1953 a $56,069 budget was adopted, $10,048 larger than the 1952 budget. Over a period of five years th Texas Synod has increased by 1,501 bap tized members, 1,000 confirmed member 776 communicants.

Addition of two new congregations, Re ormation at Garland and Crestview at Wac was reported, making 33 congregations an 25 parishes in synod. In five years propert value increased $774,595 and is now wort $1,668,770. Indebtedness is now $270,11 increases due to many new buildings. It co $151,564 to keep our congregations runnin and unusual expenses totaled $192,644. Un apportioned benevolence amounted t $31,371.

THE ORDINATION of Myron K. Blackman was conducted by Dr. Lewis P. Speake Vice President N. H. Kern was liturgist; th candidate's pastor, the Rev. William Hoebel of Dallas, preached the sermon, an Dr. Keisler assisted. The Rev. Carl H Schneider, secretary of synod, presented M Blackman.

Pastor Hoebel told the congregation tha "God's business in the world is mighty im portant. Men do not know God. It will b your duty to present Him to them."

Chaplain Wagner delivered a series o timely and practical messages on the Boo of Revelation. He felt that many pasto make poor examples for their people a synod by not attending devotions or b straggling in late for opening meditations a the sessions, not only in Texas, but in man synods.

Officers elected in addition to the ne full-time president were the Rev. N. H Kern, vice president; the Rev. Carl H Schneider, secretary; C. H. Warner, treas urer; August Meister, statistician; the Rev J. W. Kern, necrologist; and J. R. Panne archivist. President-elect Lesher will serv as editor of the *Texas Lutheran*.

Synod voted to apportion its funds on 50-50 basis to the ULCA again. It als voted to recommend as a minimum salar for pastors $2,400 plus parsonage.

ULCA CONVENTION DELEGATES

Clerical: R. E. Lesher and C. F. Schneider.
Lay: T. T. Teel and C. H. Warner.

ozen ULCA Colleges Grant 50 Honorary Degrees; Twenty of Them D.D.s

At an even dozen commencement exercises on United Lutheran Church college mpuses this month, 50 honorary degrees were awarded. Largest number of degree cipients were at Gettysburg where eight were doctored. Muhlenberg and Wagner lleges granted seven degrees each.

Most popular degree was the doctor of vinity award, granted to 18 United Lu-eran pastors, one Missouri Synod pas-, and one Evangelical and Reformed stor. Next most popular were the .D. and L.H.D. degrees, awarded ually to 16 persons. There were seven ctor of science degrees, six doctor of ters and one doctor of pedagogy.

Three women—ULCA Missionary Clara llivan, WMS-ULCA President (Mrs. arles) Baker and ULCA Board of Edu-ion Secretary, Miss Mildred Winston—eived L.H.D. (Lenoir Rhyne), L.H.D. (Thiel) and Litt.D. (Carthage) degrees.

On the following three pages, pictures of all but three of the 1952 ULCA degree recipients are carried. Missing from the pictorial roster are: Salvatore Baccaloni, Metropolitan basso profundo (L.H.D.); Edward S. Mooney, associate in teacher education, New York State Department of Education (Litt.D.); and Donald E. Law, Staten Island (N. Y.) physician (L.H.D.). All three were honored by Wagner College.

This year's total of 50 degrees was three less than the number of degrees awarded in 1951. There were 27 D.D.s granted last year as compared with this year's 20.

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ndard Oil PRO
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MARION H. TRYTTEN
Nat. Research Council
D. Carnegie

MILDRED E. WINSTON
ULCA Board of Edu.
L.H.D. Carnegie

ALFRED JENSEN
Danish Luth. President

J. H AUG BORLEIS
Army Chaplain

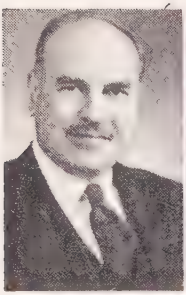
ERT LEE HENCH
JLCA Pastor
D., Gettysburg

FRANK H SHIMER
ULCA Pastor
D.D., Gettysburg

M. H. MEDENBACH
Valley Forge Mil. Ac.
Pd.D., Gettysburg

JOHN W OSTROM
Wittenberg Professor
Litt.D., Gettysburg

JOHN R MOORE
Temple Professor
D.Sc., Gettysburg



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D.Sc., Gettysburg

ALFRED H. WILLIAMS
LL.D., Gettysburg

HENRY H. WAHL
ULCA Pastor
D.D., Hartwick

M. C. EATON
Business Executive
D.Sc., Hartwick

RAY L. WHEELER
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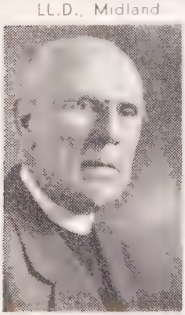

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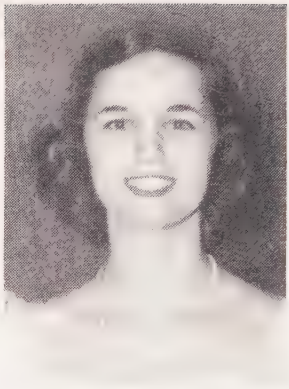

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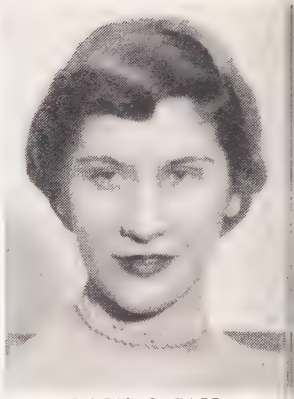
Gettysburg May Queen



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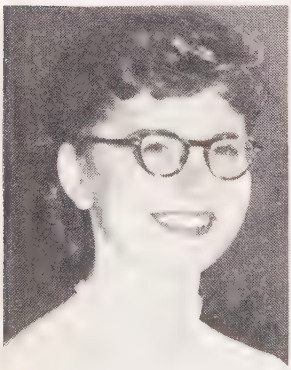


JOAN WEYARD
Wagner May Queen

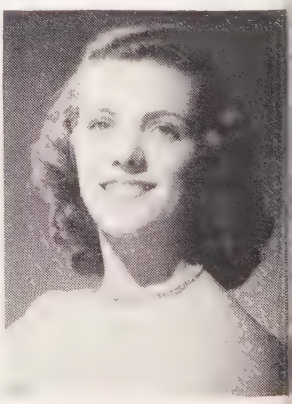
"Fairest of Them All . . ."

THE LUTHERAN staff, following progress of this two-page spread, needed no "mirror, mirror, on the wall" to prove to them that these 14 Sweet Young Things include the cream of the beauty crop on United Lutheran Church campuses this spring. The low whistles of appreciation only confirmed what many believed long before this: Lutheran girls are among the "fairest of them all."

AT LEAST six ULCA colleges selected Lutherans as their 1952 queens: CARTHAGE, LENOIR RHYNE, MARION, NEWBERRY, SUSQUEHANNA and THIEL. Two of these girls were daughters of United Lutheran

MARGUERITE NEWMAN
Carthage May Queen

JOAN JUDYCKI
Roanoke May Queen



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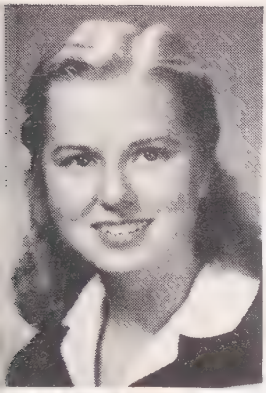
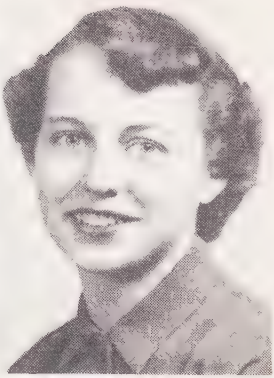


ELLEN ROBERTS
Waterloo May Queen

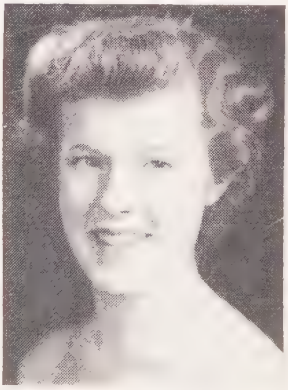
DORIS DOMINICK
Newberry May Queen



DONNA BARTELS
Midland Charm Girl

pastors: LENOIR RHYNE'S Phyllis Blackwelder, whose father (The Rev. L. E. Blackwelder) is superintendent of the Lowman Home in White Rock, South Carolina, and MARION'S Carolyn Wood, whose father (Dr. Raymond D. Wood) is pastor of Ascension Church, Savannah, Georgia.

GETTYSBURG, MUHLENBERG, SUSQUEHANNA and THIEL queens were Pennsylvania girls . . . LENOIR RHYNE and NEWBERRY queens were South Carolinians . . . ROANOKE named a New Jerseyite . . . CARTHAGE chose a Wisconsin miss . . . MARION'S princess was a Georgia peach. Other states represented: New York, Ohio, and Nebraska and Ontario. HARTWICK COLLEGE did not name a May Queen this year.



CAROLYN WOOD
Marion Apple Blossom Princess

PAULA LAYNE
lewberry Maid of Honor

NANCY GLICK
Muhlenberg Prom Queen

ANN GUISE
Susquehanna May Queen

PRESENTING Pastor and Mrs. F. W. Brandt (second and fourth from left) checks to pay for a trip to Hannover, Germany, and the Lutheran World Federation convention this August, are James Shealy and Mrs. Ames Haltiwanger, chairmen of respective committees in St. Paul's Church, Columbia, South Carolina, who have subscribed funds to pay for the jaunt to Europe this year

NOVA SCOTIA:

Religious Census Taken in May; Evangelistic Services Projected

HALIFAX—How many Protestants are living in the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia? That is what an army of 500 workers from all the Protestant churches of the city were slated to find out May 15-31. The population of the city has increased tremendously during the past 10 years. The Ministerial Association felt that many newcomers were not being contacted by the churches.

A CITY-WIDE evangelistic program, sponsored by a majority of the Protestant churches of the city, is being planned for the third week in June. Preparatory services of prayer are being held weekly in many of the churches.

MINISTERS of the city recently heard a thought-provoking address by the Rt. Rev. C. K. Jacob, Bishop in Travancore of the Church of South India.

PASTOR DOUGLAS A. CONRAD conducted the devotional part of the graduation exercises of Dalhousie University, from which institution he received his degree in 1931. He has been delegated to install the Rev. Richard E. Bieber as pastor of Our Saviour Church, Dartmouth.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Bridgewater, dedicated a new Sunday school room in the basement of their church recently.

MISS ELIZABETH HARTIG, missionary on furlough from India, is conducting an itinerary in synod.

MISS ELFRIEDE HARTIG of the Parish and Church School Board is now on the territory of synod, conducting study classes and workshops. DOUGLAS A. CONRAD

NEBRASKA:

West Point Shut-ins Get Baskets; Keisler and Wife Plan Hannover Trip

Forty-three aged and shut-ins were made happy when Grace Church School Association (West Point) made 43 May baskets, filled them with good things to eat before presenting them. Another project of the school is to give all 1952 birthday offerings to the Rev. Levon Spath for the needs and development of his

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church school in Argentina, S. A.

MIDLAND COLLEGE'S student deputation team presented a program at McCool Junction recently. Attending were members of McCool Junction and York churches.

DR. E. B. KEISLER, president of Central Seminary, has made plans to attend the assembly of the LWC to be held in Hannover, Germany, from July 25 to Aug. 4. His wife will accompany him.

MAY 25 was the 60th anniversary of Christ Church, Davenport. The Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt, synod president, and Dr. P. W. H. Frederick preached.

"THE OLIVE WREATH OF HONOR should be bestowed on the scouters in Our Redeemer Church, Omaha, for two outstanding achievements," said the May issue of *Scouting Magazine* published by the Covered Wagon Area Council. "First, they are the first institution to be using all four phases of the Boy Scout Program: cubbing, scouting, exploring, and sea exploring. Four active going units are now operating under the sponsorship of this fine institution. Second, they have six of their scouts proud possessors of the Pro Deo et Patria award."

THE FIRST of a series of 50th anniversary services of Salem Church, Fremont, was held June 1.

THE REV. ERNEST SWITZER, Dakota City, has been appointed synodical director of audio-visual aids.

ALLIANCE: The Rev. Vernon Jacobs, Alliance, and Ralph Rangeler, Beatrice, will be synodical representatives to the Parish and Church School Board's 18th annual regional conference on parish education for the synods of the Midwest to be held at Chicago Seminary June 17 and 18.

PAUL WIEGMAN

NEW JERSEY:

Stewardship Workshops Scheduled; Karl Henry Addresses ALMO May 9

TRENTON—Stewardship Workshops will be held in synod during June. St.

ROLL OF HONOR

A continuation of the listing, by states, of those congregations **reporting** "The LUTHERAN In Every Home."

NORTH CAROLINA (cont')

Concord, Calvary
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Fayetteville, St. James
John D. Mauney, Jr.

Granite Quarry, Christiana
William C. Boggs

Hickory, St. Timothy
Jacob L. Lackey

Kings Mt., St. Matthew
William P. Gerberding

Kure Beach, Kure Memorial

Lincolnton, Daniel
Hoke H. Ritchie

Lincolnton, Grace
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Matthews, Morning Star
Clarence E. Norman

Taylorsville, Reformation
Robert B. Sigmon

Thomasville, Grace
Charles S. Wessinger

OHIO

Acme, Jerusalem
M. Glenn Bishop

Ashland, Trinity
Harold H. Lentz

Bowling Green, St. Mark
Richard L. Smith

Brookville, Trinity
Richard W. Powell

Canton, Zion
Tom Homrighausen

Carey, Christ
John A. Root

Cleveland Hts., First
Dale C. Recker

John's, Ocean City, June 3; Emanuel, New Brunswick, June 4; and Holy Communion, Berlin, are the conference focal points for the promotional program. Dr. Edwin H. Knudten, synod president; the Rev. George F. Harkins, assistant to the president of the ULCA; and Mr. Chester A. Myrom, associate secretary for stewardship of the ULCA, will participate.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL officers and teachers of Southern Conference had preliminary briefing for the summer program at Our Saviour Church, Haddonfield, May 14.

Promotion of the "Missionary Gift Book Project" by the synod's Foreign Missions Committee netted an income of $365 which enabled missionaries on the ULCA fields to purchase books of their choice from the publishing house. Seventy-three $5.00 book certificates were presented to missionaries.

DR. KARL S. HENRY of the division of Survey and Research of the Board of American Missions addressed the third annual meeting of ALMO, Rochelle Park, May 9.

THE BUREAU of Naval Personnel has recalled Lt. Commander Wilbur Laudenslager into active chaplain duty effective July 10. He had served for 2½ years as chaplain in World War II. Since his discharge in 1946 he has been serving as pastor of St. Luke's, West Collingswood.

Three chaplains have gone into service from New Jersey in the past month—two recalled, the third enlisting. They are Pastors Arnold Dahlquist, Wilbur Laudenslager and Ian Tarbet.

CHESTER A. MYROM presented the work of the ULCA at Redeemer Church, Ramsey, May 18. PASTOR RUSSELL HALE informs his parishioners in the monthly paper of the "Book of the Month" with an explanation of its merits.

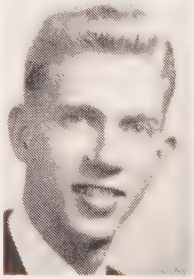
SYNOD LAYMEN are now united into a statewide Brotherhood organization as the result of a meeting in Trinity, Trenton, May 3. Officers elected include Mr. Howard Kontje, Plainfield, president; the Rev. Carl Uehling, Elizabeth, vice president; Mr. Eugene Kelchner, Camden, secretary; and Mr. Paul Ziegler, Oaklyn, treasurer.

RALPH I. SHOCKEY

PENNSYLVANIA:

Muhlenberg Names Two Journalists To Alumni-Publicity Positions

ALLENTOWN—Donald C. Laubenstein, of Easton, and Walter G. Mooney, Jr., of Bethlehem, took over the duties of alumni secretary and Director of Publicity, respectively, at Muhlenberg College June 2. The appointment was announced by William V. Nixon, director of development at Muhlenberg.



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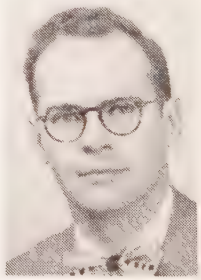

Laubenstein

Mr. Laubenstein attended Muhlenberg for two years and then transferred to Syracuse University where he received a B.A. degree in radio broadcasting and journalism.

He has been serving as Special Events and Public Relations Director at Radio Station WEST in Easton for the past four years. He is a veteran of World War II and is president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Easton and active in many other civic affairs.

MR. MOONEY, who has been sports publicity director at Moravian College, Bethlehem, for the past four years, is a native of Bethlehem. He has been engaged in journalism work for seven years having been on

the editorial staff of the Allentown *Call-Chronicle* and the Bethlehem *Globe-Times*.

He served as a first lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers of the U.S. Army and spent two years in the southwest Pacific. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Moravian College on June 1. He is active in various civic organizations and is a member of the American College Public Relations Association.

MARYLAND:

Baltimore Church Tops 155% LWA: Linthicum Heights Girl Invested

BALTIMORE—St. Mark's Church reports a total of $1,555 (155 per cent of quota) received for Lutheran World Action up to May 1. Pastor Paul H. Smith was banquet speaker at the Maryland Synod Brotherhood convention at Gettysburg Seminary May 24.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH reports that 63 members collaborated in the donation of their services and labor to save the congregation $2,458 during a five-week period of renovation and improvement of the church school.

MARJORIE ALLAM (St. John's, Linthicum Heights) was invested at the Baltimore Deaconess Motherhouse May 11. Her pastor, Carl W. Folkemer, preached.

MEMBERS OF St. John's, Linthicum Heights, presented Pastor and Mrs. Carl Folkemer a silver service in recognition of his tenth anniversary as pastor.

RUTH ENGELBRECHT of Mendota, Ill., has been appointed Lutheran Woman Counsellor

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tysburg Seminary, was installed assistant pastor of Luther Memorial by Synod President Fife.

ASCENSION CHURCH, Wiltondale, was 10 years old last month. Dr. J. Frank Fife, Dr. Paul A. Kirsch and the Rev. Roland W. Renkel were speakers.

DR. RUTH MYERS (Third Church) sailed from New York for England on the Queen Elizabeth on her return to medical missionary work in India. The ULCA Women's Missionary Society has selected Dr. Myers to represent it on the faculty of Christian Medical College at Vellore, South India.

LLOYD M. KELLER

KANSAS:

Sunrise Beach Dedication Held; Klover Leaves Salina for Calif.

KENT MEMORIAL, Sunrise Beach, Mo., dedicated its new building recently. Dr. R. H. Gerberding, pastors Calvin Naugle, John Shirck and Synod President E. F. Tonsing spoke.

PASTOR RENO R. FROBENIUS, First Church, St. Joseph, Mo., was baccalaureate speaker at Midland College May 25th. His daughter, Beverly, is a member of the graduating class.

SIX NEW congregational missionary societies were received into the Kansas synodical organization at the recent WMS convention, the first synodical organization with 100 per cent societies in every parish.

DR. WM. W. KLOVER, pastor of St. John's Church, Salina, for the last five years, has resigned (effective June 30) to accept a call to St. Paul's Church, Santa Monica, Calif.

KANSAS SYNOD laymen met at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga, Junction City, Kan., May 25. Brotherhood project is the physical property of the camp and its future development.

SYNODICAL RELIEF funds will assist St. Peter's Church, Langdon, Mo., in the extensive damage done to the interior in the recent floods.

REFORMATION CHURCH, Wichita, has pur-

chased a new parsonage for Pastor and Mrs. Richard O. Scherch.

THE REV. LESLIE CONRAD, JR., Luther League executive secretary, was a Kansas visitor recently, speaking to State League presidents' training and planning conference, Trinity Church, Lawrence, April 26-27.

T. BENTON PEERY

NEW YORK:

Conference Elects Gaise President; Altamont Dedicates Carillon Bells

ALBANY — Eastern Conference recently re-elected the following officers: President, the Rev. David C. Gaise; vice president, the Rev. Frank Lawrence Gollnick; secretary, the Rev. Charles E. Deitz; treasurer, Miles S. Hendricks.

THE FOLLOWING were elected by the Capital District Lutheran Pastors' Association: President, the Rev. Edward Wiediger; vice president, the Rev. Vernon Squire; secretary-treasurer, the Rev. Arthur Baron.

CARILLONIC BELLS were dedicated May 11 at St. John's, Altamont. The 25-bell set costing $4,100 was a gift of Walter S. Becker in memory of his parents.

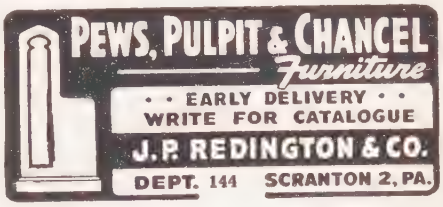
FIRST CHURCH, Poughkeepsie, has a new altar, given as a memorial to Mr. Herrman Schatz by the Schatz family.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL of Trinity Church, Castleton, set May 28 as the deadline for the dedication of the congregation's new parish hall, ground for which was broken in September 1950. The indebtedness on this project has been reduced from $40,000 to $16,000.

SPIRITUAL sons-in-the-ministry of Dr. Raymond C. Deitz (Dr. Morris C. Skinner, First, Albany; Pastor Henry Hardy Heins, Bethany, Central Bridge; and Pastor Henry M. Schumann, St. Paul's, West Camp) are spearheading a testimonial banquet to Dr. and Mrs. Deitz on his retirement. Dr. Deitz, ordained in 1910, served a number of congregations in the New York Synod, his last being at Richmondville and Sharon. The banquet will be held at First Church, Albany.

TRINITY CHURCH, Kingston. The Luther League entertained the confirmation class at a supper party May 13. A family night was held recently under the auspices of the Men's Club.

LUTHER S. STRALEY



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DECEASED

Mrs. Henderson N. Miller

Mrs. Cora Patterson Miller, widow of the late Dr. Henderson N. Miller, died in Hampton, Va., April 27. She would have been 80 on July 14.

A native of China Grove, N. C., she was graduated from Lutherville College, Md., and served as an officer in the North Carolina Synod Women's Missionary Society. The Cora Miller class of Trinity Church, Newport News, Va., was named in her honor.

Dr. Miller was a former president of Marion College, Marion, Va., and had been pastor of First Church, Columbus, Ohio; Holy Trinity Church, Greenville, Pa.; Macon, Ga., and elsewhere.

Surviving are a son, the Rev. Frank H. Miller, Penn, Pa.; three daughters, Cora Louise Miller, Hampton, Va.; Nellie J. Miller, Norristown, Pa.; and Mrs. Robert Bastow, Ambler, Pa.

The funeral service was conducted in Trinity Church, Newport News, by Pastor Roy L. Sloop. A later service was conducted in St. Mark's Church, China Grove. Internment was in China Grove.

Rev. William H. Steinbicker

The Rev. William H. Steinbicker, retired pastor of the New York Synod, died May 8. He was 78.

Educated at Muhlenberg College, he was graduated from Philadelphia Seminary in 1899. He organized Incarnation Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and as field missionary for the New York-New England Synod, was instrumental in organizing congregations at Dunton, North Merrick, North Belmore, and Baldwin. He also served congregations at Farmingdale, Wantagh and Bayshore, N. Y.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Emma Steinbicker; a son, William Steinbicker; and a daughter, Elise Tuttle.

The funeral service was conducted in Huntington Station, N. Y., by the Rev. Theodore H. Ressler. Interment was in Flushing.

Changes of Pastorate

OHIO

BARKLEY, ROBERT. From Our Saviour Church, Jersey City, N. J. To St. James' English Church, East Cleveland, O. 3862 Summit Park Rd., Cleveland Heights 21, Ohio.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD

SIMON, ADAM E. From St. John's Church, New Castle, Pa. To St. Paul's Church, DuBois, Pa. 36 E. Scribner Ave.

WALKER, EARL S. From St. John's Church, Ford City, Pa. To Hebron Church, East Pittsburgh, Pa. 416 Franklin St.

WALTHOUR, PAUL. From Bethany Church, New Castle, Pa. To St. Paul's Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. 5219 Gertrude St.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD

MENDENHALL, NEWELL. From Grace Church, Monroe, Wis. To Good Shepherd Church, Denver, Colo. 720 S. Bryant St.

SOUTH CAROLINA

KESTER, M. L. From Good Shepherd Church, Walterboro, S. C. To Ehrhardt parish, Ehrhardt, S. C.

MCCRAY, WILLIAM V. From St. Paul's Church, Frankfort, Ind. To Union-Hebron parish, Leesville, S. C.

VIRGINIA

COBB, JAMES K. From Philadelphia Church, Granite Falls, N. C. To Timberville parish, Timberville, Va.

ASSIGNMENT OF CHAPLAINS

NAVY

FELDER, GEORGE, JR. From Marine Corps D of S, Barstow, Calif. To Hdq. Co. 1st Engineer Bn., 1st Marine Div., FMF, c/o F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

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GILBERT, B. C. From Hq. & Hq., Btry. 337 AAA Gn. Bn., Camp Stewart, Ga. To 5th RCT, A.P.O. 301, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.

ULC CALENDAR

JUNE

6. Philadelphia Seminary, Women's Auxiliary. Annual meeting, 2 P. M., at the Seminary

6- 8. Luther League Convention, Wisconsin State. Lake Park Church, Milwaukee

8. Brotherhood Rally, Canada Synod. Waterloo Park, Waterloo, Ont.

9-12. New York Synod. Concordia Church, Rochester

10-12. Slovak-Zion Synod. Holy Trinity (Slovak) Church, New York City

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In conclusion . . . . . .

I AM ALWAYS HOPEFUL that readers will take to heart the various sermons I preach on this page. But one sermon had a bigger effect than I expected.

A year ago the Augustana Church decided at its convention to ask that the King James translation of the Bible should not be used for the Scripture lessons in the new Service Book for Lutheran congregations. The Augustana Church thought the commission preparing the book should study the question of using the new Revised Standard translation.

I wrote a "Conclusion" favoring this proposal. Until then I had not written anything on this because I felt my opinions were personal and that I had no good reason for promoting them. The action of the Augustana Church put the question before all of us for public discussion.

To my surprise I received a flood of letters from all sections of the church, urging me to crusade for the new translation. Obviously I had expressed an idea which is strongly held by many who are seeking some channel for making their influence felt.

SO I MADE A CAREFUL study of the question, comparing the Sunday lessons as they appear in the two translations, and so forth. I was strengthened in my convictions, and wrote another "Conclusion" suggesting the question might be discussed in congregational meetings, and that conferences and synods might wish to request that the United Lutheran Church express its judgment on this subject at the convention in October. This is the democratic process in our church.

In recent months I wrote nothing further, because I do not seek to influence the judgment of the church in this matter. Anybody can study this question for himself and reach his own conclusion. My desire is to see to it that the majority opinion in the church has a chance to be heard. By this time I know that 75 per cent of our pastors and people want the new translation, and that the percentage is equally high in the Augustana Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, and several of the others.

Most of our synods have now held their conventions. I know of six which have voted to ask for the new translation. There may be others.

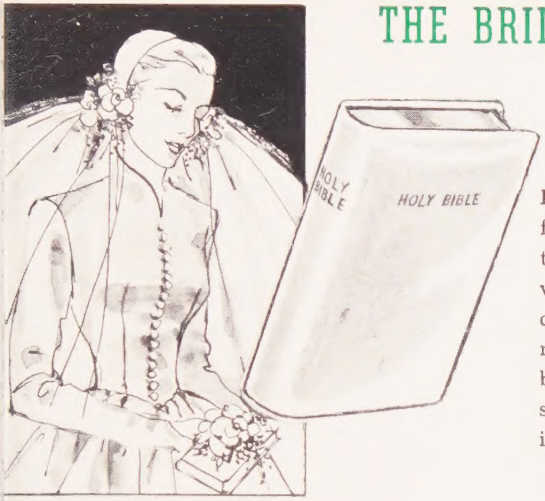
MEANWHILE THE Commission on the Liturgy has decided to tell the Augustana Church that it finds no good reasons why the translation of 1611 (the King James) should not be used in the new book. If the United Lutheran Church asks for the Revised Standard, the Commission—acting according to its idea that "Papa knows best"—will probably tell us the same thing.

The Commission says we should wait a generation until the new translation has proved itself. I believe that 30 or 40 years from now, when a new service book is published, we should then use a still newer and better translation. Scripture is too precious to be straitjacketed in outworn language, and language changes constantly. Luther gave us an example of courage in bringing the translation of the Bible up to date.

I hope the United Lutheran Church will express itself clearly on this question in October. Even if the Commission won't listen, we may be able to establish the principle that we people in the church have a right to be heard on a question which concerns us deeply.

—ELSON RUFF

For the June Bride



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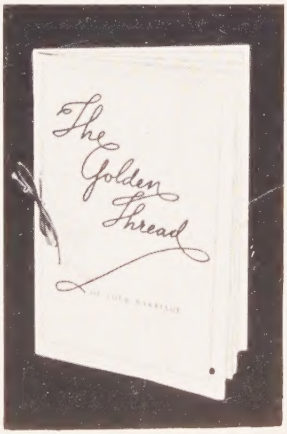

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